





# Order Reagan to testify: lawyers

Iran-Contra trial continues

WASHINGTON, March 25, (UPI): Lawyers for Oliver North asked a US judge yesterday to order former President Reagan to testify March 31, when the ex-White House aide opens his defence at his Iran-Contra trial.

"The importance of Mr Reagan's testimony to the defence of this case is clear," Attorney Brendan Sullivan declared in a brief motion filed at US district court in Washington.

US district judge Gerhard Gesell, presiding over North's seven-week-old trial on 12 felony counts, ruled on the eve of the trial that Reagan would remain "subject to call" in the case.

However, the judge barred Sullivan from enforcing a Dec 30 subpoena for Reagan's testimony pending a further ruling.

Gesell said he would consider approving a defence subpoena for portions of Reagan's diary and possibly testimony about them, if the defence "supports a claim that President Reagan ordered, directed, requested or, with advance knowledge, condoned any of North's alleged crimes."

North, a former National Security Council aide while Reagan was in office, is accused of lying to Congress, shredding secret documents and obstructing a presidential inquiry to conceal his secret efforts to arm the



Oliver North is greeted by supporters before addressing the World Media Conference in Washington. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nicaraguan Contra rebels at a time when Congress has prohibited US aid to them.

North has asserted, however, that Reagan was generally aware of his efforts to circumvent a congressional ban on US military aid to the Contras between 1984 and 1986.

The defence motion yesterday said the "trial record" in the case date supports the relevance of Reagan's testimony.

Last week, former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane testified Reagan was aware of "quid pro quo" agreements in which the United States promised Saudi Arabia and Honduras US aid if they

would assist the Contras. McFarlane said Reagan personally phoned the Honduran President to promise that US assistance.

There has been no testimony to date, however, that Reagan authorised or was aware of North's alleged attempts to conceal his activities from Congress or investigators.

In a two-sentence motion, Sullivan asked that Gesell "enter an order" enforcing an earlier subpoena for Reagan's appearance at the trial of North, a former White House National Security aide. The defence begins its case on March 31.

COLOMBO, March 25, (AP): The Sri Lankan government plans to propose legislation to help security forces deal with ethnic violence in which thousands have been killed, a senior official said today.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said the measure will be presented soon to parliament, which must approve it by a two-thirds vote. The ruling United National Party controls 125 of the 225 seats.

Wijeratne, who is also deputy defence minister, declined to give details of the proposed law.

But another government official, insisting on anonymity, said it would include some tough

## Parliament's approval needed

regulations used during the state of emergency.

The state of emergency, imposed in May 1983 in an effort to curb a Tamil rebellion, gave security forces broad powers to search houses and to arrest and detain suspects indefinitely without charge.

The government allowed the state of emergency to end on Jan. 11, and President Ranasinghe Premadasa vowed it would never again be used.

Speaking to reporters, Wijeratne said the existing laws are inadequate to deal with Sin-

halese extremists who oppose the government's peace overtures to the minority Tamils.

The Tamils say they are denied jobs and education by the predominantly Buddhist Sinhalese, who make up 75 per cent of the population and control the government and the military.

The proposed laws were aimed mainly at Sinhalese extremists.

More than 8,500 people have died since the insurgency began in 1983 on the Indian Ocean island of Sri Lanka.

In July 1987, the government signed an accord offering limited

autonomy if the rebels surrendered their weapons and joined the democratic process. The largest and most powerful militant group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, rejected the accord saying it did not meet their demands for self-rule.

Wijeratne said the People's Liberation Front has increased its violent activities this year.

He said the militants were responsible for 2,302 political killings between Jan 1 and Feb 28. The victims included 1,104 members of the ruling party, 132 members of opposition parties and 1,066 security officers.

This month, he said, the Front has killed more than 200 people.

## Boeing returns

### Part of jet's wing peels off in mid-air

MANILA, March 25, (AP): A United Airlines Boeing 747 bound for Japan and the United States returned to Manila after part of its right wing peeled off in mid-air today, airport officials said.

Rudy Flores, traffic control supervisor at Ninoy Aquino international airport, said flight 820 took off at 10:11 am (0211 GMT) with 357 passengers and crew and was over the Pacific when a fibreglass section of the jet's right wing peeled off.

Flores said the pilot informed the airport's tower the damage was minor and would not require emergency assistance. But one passenger, Jonathan Miller, said a three-metre (10-foot) by one-metre (three-foot) hole was ripped out of the wing.

"Nobody was hurt," Flores said in a telephone interview. "But because of the damage the flight has been cancelled." He said the plane landed in Manila about an hour after takeoff.

Joe Basso, United Airlines' manager for the Philippines, said he was unaware any part of the plane had been torn off. He said he was informed the flight, bound for San Francisco after a stopover in Tokyo, returned after developing "minor mechanical trouble."

Miller, 50, an aircraft products engineer from the United States, said there was "very mild panic" inside the plane when passengers learned about the torn wing section.

Dr Edgardo Francisco, the airport doctor, said one passenger showed symptoms of a heart attack, but recovered after taking sedatives.

"First, I felt a bump, then the plane began vibrating," said Miller, who was seated near the wing. "I saw a foot of the starboard wing peel off and then other pieces followed. You can clearly see through the hole."

He said the plane's pilot reduced the plane's speed after examining the damage and announced the plane was returning to Manila for repairs.

## Threat of a strike

Yeltsin men rally before polls

MOSCOW, March 25, (UPI): A key organiser of former Moscow party boss Boris Yeltsin's election campaign warned today his supporters would cripple Moscow with a one-day general strike should their candidate lose tomorrow's parliamentary election because of Communist Party attempts to rig the voting.

Today was the final day of campaigning for the first ever multi-candidate parliamentary elections to be held in the Soviet Union since the 1917 communist revolution.

More than 10,000 people chanting "Yeltsin, Yeltsin" attended his final rally, held in a parking lot opposite the Lenin stadium as hundreds of police, some on horseback, looked on.

The rally was the largest yet for candidate Yeltsin and given permission for it to be held 24 hours early.

The large turnout gave credence to the threats of a damaging strike should Yeltsin lose.

The elections are a key element of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's attempt to further democratise society and give citizens a greater say in who and how they are governed.

A group of US lawyers and academics of the Washington-based International Human Rights Law Group, who have monitored the fairness of controversial elections in Zimbabwe, Nicaragua, South Korea and Chile have arrived in the Soviet Union and will conduct their own investigation into

polling in the Moscow region.

Among the six-member team is Yale University law professor Leon Lipson, an expert on Soviet law.

A total of 1,500 seats in the 2,250 seat Congress of People's Deputies are to be contested tomorrow. With the exception of the Yeltsin race in Moscow and contests pitting Baltic nationalists against party candidates in the three Baltic states, the remainder of the campaigns have been lacklustre with party-approved candidates fighting it out with nearly identical platforms.

Yeltsin, who was fired as a non-voting member of the Politburo and as Moscow city party boss almost 18 months ago, is pitted against Yegor Gerasimov, a party-approved candidate and head of Moscow's Zil auto manufacturing plant.

Yeltsin, who was sacked for his criticism of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and the party in general, has been running on a populist platform that includes vicious attacks on the material privileges of the Communist Party elite such as special stores, schools and hospitals.

Beside his unrelenting attack on that sacred cow, he has troubled senior officials by calling for continued debate on whether a second opposition political party should be formed to fight the communist monopoly.

His supporters have expressed fears there will be an attempt to alter the vote count or stuff the ballot box with Brakov votes.

## Release Mandela, South Africa told

Thatcher rules out visit

LONDON, March 25, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher says she believes there are "chances of things improving enormously" in South Africa if the government released jailed nationalist leader Nelson Mandela.

Until that happens, she added in an interview with the BBC African Service that she saw little hope for fruitful negotiations on the nation's future.

South Africa is not on Thatcher's itinerary for her African tour next week. She has not visited South Africa in almost 10 years as prime minister.

Her comments did not represent a new approach toward South Africa, her office said.

"She's said this for a long time now," an aide said on condition of not being identified.

"I have made it quite clear that

I could not go until something quite positive happens and Mr Mandela is released," Thatcher said. "I think that there are chances of things improving enormously in South Africa once Mandela is released. It opens the way for negotiations to start. But I could not go just at the moment until there are more signs of that happening."

Asked what was the likely next stage of developments in South Africa, she replied: "I have indicated that if Mr Mandela is released I think that negotiations would become possible with some of the other many leaders of black South Africans. Obviously they are not a homogenous people anymore than we are in Europe."

She doubted that it would be possible for tribal leaders to negotiate until Mandela was released.

## Rioters rampage

### Yugoslav police tear gas Albanian protesters

UROSEVAC, Yugoslavia, March 25, (Reuters): Yugoslav police used tear gas and batons against demonstrators armed with clubs and axes in the southern province of Kosovo today, the third successive day of ethnic Albanian riots.

Thousands of protesters rampaged through the town of Urosevac hurling rocks, vandalising cars and blockading a train.

Helmeted riot police wearing gas masks chased demonstrators through the streets amid clouds of tear gas.

Airforce jets and helicopters screamed over the city, 240 km (150 miles) south of Belgrade.

Some protesters jumped on car roofs and ripped off wind-screen wipers. The demonstrators were ethnic Albanian men of all ages. There were few women.

It was the third day of rioting in Kosovo in protest at curbs on local self-rule adopted on Thursday that gave Serbia, Yugoslavia's largest republic, control over the province.

The disturbances are the worst since Albanian separatist riots in 1981.

State leaders and a top Army general warned yesterday that "all constitutional means" would be used against further unrest, Yugoslavia's usual euphemism for troops.

Kosovo has been under a partial state of emergency for four weeks. Troops and tanks were sent in after a general strike by the province's majority ethnic Albanians against the curbs that they fear will wipe out their national rights.

Western diplomats in Belgrade said they believed the Army sent in at least 10,000 men and 100 tanks when the emergency measures were declared.

The authorities are punishing ethnic Albanian strikers, saboteurs, shopkeepers and students for disrupting life in the province.

Official sources said hundreds of miners and factory workers are being sacked or suspended without pay for refusing to work and some will be jailed for defying work orders.

## A star is born

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., March 25, (Reuters): US military officials say a \$140 million satellite has been successfully launched for a crucial experiment aimed at designing space weapons for the US "Star Wars" missile defence system.

The satellite was launched on an unmanned delta rocket which thundered from its launch pad at Cape Canaveral Air Force station at 4:50 pm (2150 GMT) and arced east over the Atlantic, slicing a trail of fire and smoke across the sky.

The flight's main goal was to place in orbit a military satellite, dubbed Delta Star, to monitor a series of six US launches in an effort to design space-based weapons capable of tracking and shooting down incoming enemy nuclear missiles.

Less than an hour after liftoff, military officials declared this first phase of the mission a success. "We have indication of a good, clean spacecraft (satellite) separation," launch commander Skip Mackey said.

Air Force Colonel Michael Rendine, manager of the Delta Star programme, said the three-ton satellite was operating flawlessly and had successfully completed its first task — tracking the fiery re-entry of the Delta rocket's second stage into the earth's atmosphere.

Eight Soviet satellites have been launched into orbit from a single booster rocket, the Tas news agency said today in Moscow.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 42-hour curfew

DHAKA, March 25, (AP): Authorities clamped a 42-hour neighbourhood curfew in two districts today after reports that an India-based secessionist group might try to enter the country, an official said.

The curfew was imposed at 6 am (0001 GMT) in the southwestern districts of Khulna and Jessore, an official of the Home Ministry said on condition of anonymity.

**Robbers hijack train**

LECCO, Italy, March 25, (Reuters): Three robbers hijacked a train at gunpoint to escape police after bungling a raid on a jeweller's shop, police said today.

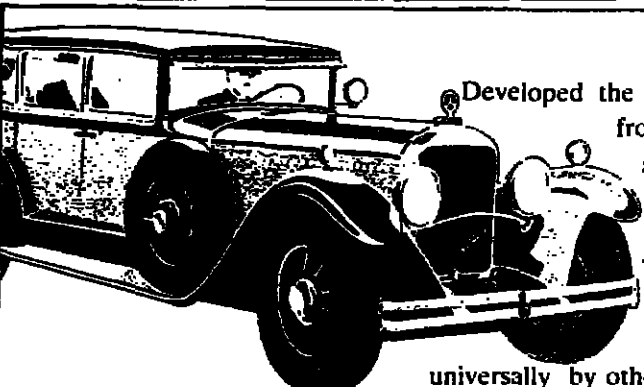
The trio rushed into the station in the northern Italian town of Lecco late yesterday, jumped into the cab of a local train and forced the driver at pistol-point to set off.

The train's guard pulled the emergency brake after about 100 metres (yards), and the robbers fled, police said.

### Anti-tank missiles

KARACHI, March 25, (Reuters): The Pakistan Air Force put on a massive demonstration of firepower today in front of President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, a government spokesman said.

"The climax of the demonstration came with the firing of highly modernised anti-tank missiles and laser-guided bombs by F-16 aircraft," the statement said.



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## Tamil Nadu MPs fight

'Abuse of authority'

MADRAS, March 25, (Agencies): Lawmakers today fought a brawl inside the chamber of the southern Tamil Nadu legislature, beating each other with fists, microphones, books, shoes and paperweights in a battle which left 20 members injured and 28 suspended.

Clashes erupted when the speaker refused to allow the opposition to discuss in the 234-member house alleged abuses of authority by Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi because the leader of the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) Party was scheduled to present the annual budget for the tropical state of some 55 million Tamils.

When the chief minister began reading the budget, Sengottaiyam, a member of the main opposition All-India Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIDMK), crossed the floor, punched him in the face and snatched away the documents, which he then tore up and threw at the leader.

The bruised chief minister, speaking to reporters while wearing spectacles broken during the melee, claimed AIDMK leader Jayalalitha — a former cinema actress — had ordered her cohort to attack him, and he claimed she was a "criminal."

"Budget papers were hurled at me," said Karunanidhi, the victor of Jan 21 elections held after nearly one year of direct rule by New Delhi because of political instability. "Only after all these things, my party (colleagues) rushed to rescue me."

Speaker Tamizhndimagan adjourned the session to try and defuse the pandemonium, and suspended until March 31 all 28 AIDMK members because he said they had "behaved in a way which brought down the name and dignity of the house."

Jayalalitha showed reporters a large rip in her sari, that she claimed had been caused by a DMK legislator who had tried to tear off her traditional dress.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi pledged to reveal

the entire and original copy of a controversial report on the slaying of his mother and predecessor, Indira Gandhi, in Parliament on Monday, the Press Trust of India said today.

The sources did not tell the agency the identities of those who may be charged, but said Dhawan was not among them as investigators had found the senior official "totally innocent."

The sources alleged the five were working to meet the "political designs" of a neighbouring country, a clear reference to Pakistan.

Violence born out of a campaign by Sikh zealots to bestow nationhood on northern Punjab claimed nine lives today, two of them residents of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar killed by a powerful bomb that left 26 others injured, police said.

Another Sikh was shot and killed in front of scores of people outside the Jammu Kashmir state high court in this northern Indian city today, police said.

## Largest oil spill in US history hits Alaska

VALDEZ, Alaska, March 25, (UPI): Millions of gallons of Alaska crude oil blackened water and icebergs in Prince William Sound today as the oil industry mobilised for a massive cleanup effort amid criticism for the largest spill in US history.

The 987-foot Exxon Valdez was hard aground on a reef where the skipper steered it early yesterday to avoid icebergs in his path. Small icebergs from nearby Columbia glacier often float into shipping lanes.

The reef ruptured several oil holds in the tanker and an estimated 265,000 barrels

spilled from the ship's newly loaded with 1.3 million barrels at the port of Valdez — quickly closed by Coast Guard emergency order to aid the cleanup effort.

But the cleanup was moving at a snail's pace. Dozens of fishermen and citizens attended a Valdez news conference held by Exxon Shipping Co. President Frank Iarossi from Houston and challenged his company's handling of the spill.

In San Francisco, the international environmental group Greenpeace called the spill a "grim environmental catastrophe" and

urged for safeguards to prevent future accidents.

State official said privately they were very unhappy that Exxon and the oil industry response was so slow and they contemplated a formal complaint to the federal officials overseeing the spill response.

Iarossi failed to quell fears that the oil would ruin the valuable Prince William Sound fishery, but promised that Exxon would take full financial responsibility and would launch the cleanup in earnest today.



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# No decision on MX, says Cheney

WASHINGTON, March 25. (Reuters) With the public rebuke of a senior general, new US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney has left no doubt about who's in charge at the Pentagon.

Cheney told reporters at his first news conference on Friday he was unhappy with Air Force Chief of Staff Larry Welch for even informally negotiating with Congress on mobilisation of America's intercontinental nuclear missiles.

Cheney, 48, who was confirmed by the Senate only eight days ago, stressed that the Bush administration has made no decision yet on whether to mount 10-warhead MX missiles on rail cars or develop small missiles on truck launchers.

He suggested that officers in uniform had no business going to Congress and floating private

deals, even if they did not claim to be speaking for the White House and the Pentagon.

"I'm not happy with it, frankly," the former Wyoming congressman said of published reports that Welch, a member of the Pentagon joint chiefs of staff, had in recent days discussed compromises with congressional leaders on the key strategic issue.

"I think it's inappropriate for a uniformed officer to be in a position where he is, in fact, negotiating an arrangement."

The Air Force declined comment on the matter, saying it was between Cheney and Welch, who is scheduled to retire from the Air Force next fall.

Cheney, picked by President Bush to head the Pentagon after the Senate rejected John Tower for the job, was relaxed in cowboy boots and a pinstripe suit

before a crowd of reporters in the Defence Department's briefing room.

The Pentagon has previously pressed for an MX rail option only. But Welch told the Washington Post he had sounded out congressional leaders on ideas, including construction of up to 300 small missiles and transferring the 50 MX missiles now deployed in underground silos in Wyoming to railroad cars.



**Holy Week tradition**  
Hundreds of crosses mark the site of a re-enactment of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on a bridge in Chalapa, Mexico. (Reuters wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Alitalia Boeing 747 grounded

ROME, March 25. (AP) An Alitalia Boeing 747 was forced to abort its takeoff on Friday after a tyre suddenly began swelling. The Italian news agency AGI reported. The plane, bound for New Delhi, Shanghai and Tokyo was taxiing across the tarmac to the takeoff runway at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport when the swelling in one of the rear tyres was noticed. The plane was grounded until a defective valve, blamed for the tyre's swelling, was replaced, AGI said.

### Bomb found in Easter cake

MERCOGLIANO, Italy, March 25. (AP) Workers at a cement company discovered explosives inside a dove-shaped cake their boss had received as an Easter gift. Police said the cake was apparently sent as part of an extortion attempt, probably linked to the Naples underworld. Two unidentified men delivered a "colomba," a special Italian Easter cake, to workers on Thursday at a cement company in Mercogliano, a small town about 40 kilometres northeast of Naples.

### Man killed by zoo lions

MELBOURNE, March 25. (Reuters) A 32-year-old man apparently climbed to a grisly death in the lions' den at Melbourne Zoo last night in what police believe was a bizarre suicide. A zookeeper found the man's near-naked and badly mauled body in the lion's den today morning with his clothes neatly folded nearby, police told reporters. Zoo director Graham Sholler said it would take a deliberate effort to climb the 15 foot (4-1/2 metre) wire netting surrounding the den although it was possible, but unlikely, the man was thrown there by others.

### Hand stitched back

MOSCOW, March 25. (KUNA) A two-year-old boy had his hand stitched back on in a unique operation, the Soviet weekly Nedelny reported today. This is the first instance of a limb being sewn back on such a young patient, Tass news agency said. The accident, which led to little Kolya Polishchuk losing his hand, happened when he was left alone in his house in the Ukrainian town of Shepetovka and put his arm in the working washing machine. In despair his parents rushed their son to the local hospital and gave the doctor a plastic bag containing the boy's severed arm.

### Oregano seized in Sicily

CATANIA, Sicily, March 25. (AP) Packages of radioactive oregano were seized by police in the Sicilian cities of Catania and Syracuse, the Italian news agency Ansa reported. It said the oregano, imported by the Ducros Freres firm, was confiscated after tests by the health institute in Catania determined it had radiation levels higher than limits set by the European Economic Community. Ansa said the Italian Ministry of Health is analysing samples of imported thyme and dried mushrooms for radiation levels.

### Man charged with murder

PIERZ, Minnesota, March 25. (UPI) A man who allegedly hooked up a radio to an extension cord and then tossed it into the bathtub where his wife was taking a bath was charged with attempted murder Friday, authorities said. Anthony Murray, 38, Pierz, was charged with second-degree attempted murder. He also faces second-, third- and fifth-degree assault charges as a result of the Wednesday incident. Murray was at the county jail under \$100,000 bail.

### Police seize drug haul

IBIZA, Spain, March 25. (Reuters) Spanish police said last night they had seized 1,500 doses of the drug "ecstasy," worth an estimated \$174,000 dollars, on the Mediterranean island of Ibiza. They said they had detained a Swiss couple who ran an employment agency on the island and exported goods containing the drug to France and Switzerland.

## First chicks born in space

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, March 25. (UPI) The world's first "space chicks" broke out of the shell last night, 12 days after launch of the space shuttle Discovery.

Discovery lifted off March 13 carrying 32 chicken eggs as part of an experiment to determine for the first time how and embryo develops in space.

The experiment, named "Chix in Space" and sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken, was designed to measure the effects of weightlessness on embryo development. It was conceived and developed by John Dellinger, now a senior engineering student at Purdue University.

The chick, named "Kentucky," was to remain in its incubator for six to eight hours before being moved to a chicken coop at KFC's Colonel Sanders technical centre in Louisville.



**What a monkey!**  
A proboscis monkey looks at a handler in his home at the Bronx Zoo. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Details awaited Many puzzled by fusion claim

WASHINGTON, March 25. (AP) Scientists at major US laboratories are sceptical that a low-cost experiment could achieve nuclear fusion, the energy secret of the sun which has been sought for 20 years by researchers who spent millions of dollars.

But some experts admitted yesterday they also are intrigued by the University of Utah reports and at least one expert warned that if the experiment actually achieved fusion, it could pose a serious radiation hazard.

Some scientists also expressed a bit of envy.

"Suppose you were designing jet airplanes and then you suddenly heard ... that somebody had invented an anti-gravity machine. That's the way we feel," said Ian Hutchinson, a nuclear fusion researcher at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "And, of course, we're sceptical."

An Idaho laboratory announced yesterday it was conducting experiments to confirm the Utah reports, and scientists at other laboratories said they were searching the literature to determine if others have performed the experiment. And all are waiting for more technical details expected to be published later this year in the journal Nature.

**Reaction**  
At a news conference Thursday, B. Stanley Pons, chairman of the University of Utah chemistry department, and Martin Fleischmann of the University of Southampton in England, said they achieved a sustained nuclear fusion reaction with equipment that is available in any college laboratory.

Pons said they were able to force atoms to fuse together at room temperature using a rod of palladium metal and a platinum cylinder immersed in a flask of deuterium, a chemical commonly called "heavy water."

The Utah scientists said that when an electrical current is applied, deuterium nuclei are driven into the lattice structure of the palladium where they are compressed together long enough for fusion to occur.

Proof that it works, said Pons and Fleischmann, is that the experiment generated heat that cannot be explained in conventional chemical reactions. They said it produced four watts of energy for every watt of electrical energy used.

Fusion is the energy source of the sun and other stars. A hydrogen bomb is an uncontrolled fusion reaction.

The reaction occurs when the nuclei of two deuterium atoms are forced together. As they fuse, a burst of energy is produced, along with fast neutron particles and helium 3, a benign chemical that could be used in children's balloons.

Fusion is the opposite of nuclear fission, which involves splitting the nucleus from heavy atoms.

Scientists have viewed fusion as the ideal energy source because it could be fuelled with deuterium, which is easily extracted from seawater, and because it would produce a much smaller radiation hazard than the fission of conventional nuclear power plants.

### \$5m for research Fusion fund

SALT LAKE CITY, March 25. (UPI) Utah Governor Norm Bangerter said he will call the state legislature into special session to consider creating a \$5 million fund to develop a breakthrough nuclear fusion process discovered at the University of Utah.

"I will convene a special session of the legislature requesting them to establish a \$5 million fund for the continuation of the project's development," Bangerter said in a statement.

The process has the potential to turn common sea water into an inexhaustible supply of energy.

## Bush's choice New US envoys named

WASHINGTON, March 25. (AP) President George Bush has announced his choice of Deputy Defence Secretary William Taft to be US representative to NATO.

Taft, 43, oversaw the daily operation of the Defence Department for nearly two months as Bush and the Senate wrangled over the President's failed attempt to win confirmation of John Tower as defence secretary.

The great-grandson of the nation's 27th President, Taft has been deputy defence secretary since 1984, serving under both defence secretaries Casper Weinberger and Frank Carlucci.

When Bush took office and the No. 1 Defence Department spot remained vacant because of the Tower battle, Taft was elevated to acting defence secretary.

As permanent US representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, Taft will have ambassadorial status. He would succeed Alton Keel.

In another personnel move, Bush took the unusual step of withdrawing his earlier nomination of Defence Department official Richard Armitage as his choice for assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs. He named Richard Solomon for the post instead.

Bush said that Armitage would remain at the Defence Department "in a senior position which will be announced at a later date."

Solomon, who would succeed Gaston Sigur, has been director of the State Department's policy and planning staff since 1986.

Bush also said he would nominate former Sen. Chic Hecht of Nevada to be ambassador to the Bahamas.

In other personnel announcements, Bush said he would nominate:

— Joseph Goldenhorn, a Washington lawyer and real estate executive, to be ambassador to Switzerland. He would succeed Philip Winn.

— Paul Matthews Cleveland, a former ambassador to New Zealand and to Western Samoa, to be ambassador to Malaysia. He would succeed John Cameron Monjo.

— John Maresca, deputy assistant defence secretary for European and NATO policy, as chief of the US delegation to recently open East-West talks in Vienna to reduce tensions in Western Europe.

— Charles Edgar Redman, who has served as chief spokesman of the State Department since 1986 with the title of assistant secretary of state for public affairs, to be ambassador to Sweden. He would succeed Gregory Newell.

— Edward Nokonan Ney to be ambassador to Canada.

## US Air Force secretary quits

WASHINGTON, March 25. (UPI) James F. McGovern, acting Secretary of the Air Force, announced his resignation Friday after meeting with Defence Secretary Dick Cheney earlier in the week.

McGovern, who became acting Air Force Secretary in December 1988, had said he would step down in May. He had been undersecretary of the Air Force since November 1986.

"It has been my great privilege and honour to have served with the thousands of dedicated men and women of the USAF," McGovern said in a brief statement.

McGovern said he met with Cheney and "indicated that I was inclined to return to the private sector."

## US Customs unveils plan Easy baggage checks

WASHINGTON, March 25. (AP) The US Customs service announced plans yesterday to help speed Americans through the federal inspection process at four major airports when they return from abroad.

Passengers bringing back nothing that must be declared generally will be able to present their passport to an immigration inspector, claim their baggage and leave without a stop at customs.

Passengers with items to declare will make only a brief stop at a customs or agriculture station before being cleared, the agency said, adding that an improved computerised screening programme will help pick out potential smugglers and terrorists.

Customs plans to limit inspections "to those few travellers who pose a threat to the United States," the agency said.

## JFK went to Cuba looking for women

Widow reveals secrets

NEW YORK, March 25. (UPI) The widow of reputed mob financier Meyer Lansky said in a television interview released last night that John F. Kennedy went to pre-Castro Cuba as a congressman to look for women.

Teddy Lansky, 81, told the American television programme, CBS's "60 Minutes," that her husband, who is widely believed responsible for helping organised crime gain a foothold in Las Vegas, Nevada — America's gambling capital — was "a giant as far as I was concerned."

"There was no fear in this man," she said. "He was really fearless. He never had a bodyguard."

Meyer Lansky died of cancer in 1983, a year after Forbes magazine listed him as one of the 100 wealthiest Americans.

Despite decades of surveillance by agents of the US

Federal Bureau of Investigation and three separate indictments alleging Lansky had financial links to mafia-run enterprises, particularly gambling, prosecutors failed to win any convictions against Lansky, a Jewish immigrant from Poland.

Teddy Lansky said she "didn't attach him to a mob or any one of the boys or guys. He was a man that I loved."

Lansky's widow was asked whether the reputed mobster knew President Kennedy, who visited Cuba as a young congressman.

"Yes," she replied.

"What was he looking for in Havana, gambling, women?" the interviewer asked.

"You said it, the second one," she said.

Asked about her husband's illegal gambling operations, Teddy Lansky described her husband as a businessman.

## Woman says pill incited her to kill mother

CHICAGO, March 25. (Reuters) A woman and her daughter have filed a \$21 million lawsuit against an American drug company, claiming a sleeping pill caused her to shoot and kill her 83-year-old mother, according to court documents.

Ilo Grundberg of Utah sued the Kalamazoo, Michigan-based Upjohn Company in US district court in Salt Lake City.

Grundberg, 58, had been charged with murder in St George, Utah, but a judge dismissed the charge after two doctors testified she had become involuntarily intoxicated by the pill, documents said.

**Warnings**

The suit alleges the company failed to provide warnings of possible consequences of taking the Halcion sleeping pill.

Grundberg alleges that as a direct result of taking Halcion "and through no fault of her own, plaintiff shot her mother, resulting in her death," according to court documents.

An Upjohn spokeswoman said the company does not comment on pending litigation.

Grundberg is seeking \$1 million in compensatory damages for emotional distress, false imprisonment, medical expenses and attorneys' fees and \$5 million in punitive damages, according to court documents.

Grundberg's daughter, Janice Gray, is seeking \$15 million in damages, according to the court documents.

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## US-Japan talks on FSX fighter continue

WASHINGTON, March 25. (UPI) Technical-level discussions on a US-Japanese agreement on joint US-Japan production of the proposed FSX fighter continued today without agreement and will go on into the weekend, State Department officials said.

Selki Nishihiro, Japan's Vice-Defence Minister and lead negotiator, remained in Washington at the Japanese Embassy but did not come to the State Department for the technical talks, which were mainly conducted by telephone.

State Department officials said they expect Nishihiro to remain in Washington at least through Sunday.

Japanese and US officials said three major points need to be clarified in the memorandum of understanding that would be part of the agreement to jointly develop and build 130 FSX fighters, an advanced aircraft based on the US F-16. The officials said one of points at issue was:

— US insistence that American manufacturers be assured at least 40 per cent of the production contracts in the project estimated to be worth \$3 billion. The Japanese have said that it would be impossible to make specific commitments on production this early in the contract procedure.



# Afghan rebels use tanks for first time

Kabul seeks talks with US

KABUL, March 25, (Agencies): Mujahedeen rebels, using tanks and other armour against Afghan troops for the first time, have launched a fresh assault on the eastern city of Jalalabad, the Afghan government said today.

The attack on the city, earmarked by the rebels as seat of a provisional government proclaimed last month, began on Thursday but Afghan government aircraft had driven off the attackers, it added.

Government spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani also reported an attack yesterday by 2,500 Muslim rebels on the city of Kandahar, 500 km (300 miles) to the southwest, describing it as the most serious assault on the city to date.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Libyan envoy repeats terrorism denials

ROME, March 25, (Reuters): Libya's ambassador to Italy on Friday reiterated Tripoli's denials of involvement in terrorism after Washington warned of a possible plot to hijack an American-owned airliner in Europe. Ambassador Abdurrahman Shalgah called a news conference after airports in Europe increased security in response to the warning, which did not specify a group, country or time. "Libya, I repeat, does not employ terrorism. If we are opposed to anyone we say so and take responsibility," he said.

### S. Yemen flood death toll rises

NICOSIA, March 25, (Reuters): Floods caused by torrential rains have killed at least 16 people in central South Yemen while tens of thousands of people have lost their homes, the Aden news agency said today.

The agency, contacted by telephone, said officials were struggling to send food and other supplies to devastated areas but some districts could be reached only by helicopters.

### Abu Dhabi deported 47 AIDS carriers

ABU DHABI, March 25, (Reuters): The authorities deported 47 expatriates diagnosed as having the AIDS virus in 1988, a Health Ministry official said today. Of those deported because of positive tests for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, 18 were Arabs, 15 Pakistanis and nine Indians, he added.

### Drug addicts sent to labour camps

NICOSIA, March 25, (AP): Two hundred drug addicts picked up in central Tehran today are to be sent to labour-camp in southeast Iran, state-run Tehran Radio reported. The radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted an unnamed source at the anti-narcotics squad as saying that the round-up was the first stage of a large-scale programme to send vagrant addicts from the cities to labour camps in Sistan-Baluchistan province.

### Tass to open office in UAE

ABU DHABI, March 25, (Reuters): The Soviet news agency Tass plans to open a second Gulf office in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a Soviet embassy spokesman said today. He said that the bureau would open as soon as veteran Tass correspondent Victor Lebedev, who is already in the UAE, received press accreditation. Tass has an office in Kuwait.



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# Howe curtails Pakistan visit because of fears

LONDON, March 25, (Agencies): British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe leaves tomorrow for Pakistan on a visit curtailed because of fears of renewed demonstrations in the Muslim country against British author Salman Rushdie's novel *The Satanic Verses*.

Howe is the most senior British official to visit an Islamic country since Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini urged Muslims to kill Indian-born Rushdie, a naturalized British citizen, on

grounds *The Satanic Verses* blasphemes Islam.

Plans for Howe to visit Afghan rebel leaders in the Pakistan border town of Peshawar have been abandoned, British officials say. He will instead remain in the capital, Islamabad, for two days before going to India for an extended four-day visit.

Howe will now meet in Islamabad with Sibtullah Mojaddidi, leader of the exile council formed by mujahedeen rebels fighting Afghan President

Najib's embattled, pro-Soviet administration.

"There is no point in precipitating demonstrations," said a British official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Howe is also due to stop for talks in Bahrain and Qatar on his way home.

Khomeini's Feb 14 death sentence on Rushdie led to Britain and Iran severing relations and to a diplomatic chill between Western and Islamic countries. Pakistani Prime Minister Ben-

azir Bhutto, elected last year, has accused Islamic fundamentalist opponents of using *The Satanic Verses* issue as a cover for engineering protests against her new administration.

"The Rushdie book was not an issue of religion, but a pretext to create trouble. To repeat the words of blasphemy is to commit further blasphemy," she was quoted as saying in an interview published today in the London Daily Express.

Sheikh Jadel Haq Ali Jadel

Haq of Al Azhar will publish a book to reply to Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*.

He added in a press statement in Cairo yesterday that several committees are currently studying the *Satanic Verses* to respond to the authors' allegations through scientific and objective means.

A Muslim extremist group has threatened to kill British embassy staff in Jakarta if Rushdie is not put to death within three months.

## Carter foresees accord

# New hope for Mideast peace

ATLANTA, March 25, (UPI): Ten years after engineering the first peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, former President Jimmy Carter sees new hope for a similar agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

Carter, whose David Camp accords led to the first official peace between Israel and an Arab country, said he senses a yearning among Israelis and Palestinians to end their age-old hostilities.

"There's no doubt that within Israel there is a growing willingness among the public to accept direct talks between Israeli officials and Palestinian leaders," he said from his office in Atlanta. "The prospect for success is evident."

The Camp David agreements between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin resulted in the signing of the treaty on March 26, 1979. The accords also called for eventual "self-determination" for the one million Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

**Autonomy**  
The former president, who has visited the Middle East frequently since leaving office eight years ago, said many younger Israelis — even members of the conservative Likud coalition — support full autonomy for the Palestinians in the occupied lands.

Full autonomy implies the collection of their taxes, the repair of their roads, the running of their schools, the collection of their garbage, the digging of their wells, the planting of their trees — they don't have any of these right now," Carter said. "This is something that ought to be granted to the Palestinians."

Carter said Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat's recent public renunciation of terrorism and acknowledgement of Israel's right to exist, which prompted the United States to open talks with the PLO, is another encouraging sign.

"Despite some public expressions of concern about American meetings with PLO leaders, I think the genuine feeling is one of expectation that it might lead to something fruitful," he said.

But Carter conceded that Israel's internal political strife, centring on the 15-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, is an obstacle to a peace process.

"Israel has a society now that's torn by dissension," he said.

"There is vast condemnation of the government's policy even by



Carter hopeful

loyal and patriotic soldiers."

Carter said the uprising, in which more than 380 Palestinians and 13 Israelis have been killed, results from "the frustration of a generation of young Palestinians ... who have never known a day of political freedom."

The former president urged Israel to negotiate with the PLO, citing a recent poll that found 97 per cent of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza consider the PLO their official representative.

"I don't think there will ever be a chance that representatives of the Palestinians in the occupied territories will claim to speak with authority unless they are publicly endorsed by the PLO," Carter said.

Israel has steadfastly refused to meet with the PLO, branding it a terrorist group. But Carter said Arafat's latest overtures may help ease Israeli reluctance.

**Moderate**  
"I think Arafat represents a more moderate element within the PLO," Carter said. "He's been highly successful for years in a balancing act, trying to hold the large PLO membership in one cohesive group."

Carter cited the "willingness of even the more radical PLO leaders to at least accept what Arafat says without trying to assassinate him or withdrawing from the organisation."

But Arafat lacks the clout that Sadat brought to the Camp David negotiations, Carter said.

"Sadat spoke with great authority as an able person to deliver in a negotiation peace with Israel," he said. "I think Arafat is generally considered to be a spokesman under tremendous pressure ... severely constrained in his actions and words by dissident groups within the PLO."

## Government determined to cut red tape: Premier

(Continued from Page 1)

and hard work in a spirit of co-operation.

Sheikh Saad said that the administrative staff is the body responsible for implementing the plans of the government and their input into translating these plans will contribute in no small measure towards their success.

The Crown Prince stressed the process of modernisation and development of the government. He called on top administrators to "open their offices and hearts to the public and carefully listen to their problems and explanations."

Sheikh Saad added that although laws are supreme they should not be construed as being enacted to complicate procedures for the people. He said: "Laws are not rigid and should be interpreted with some degree

of flexibility. There is always enough room and freedom to interpret the law taking human conditions into consideration within the spirit of the law."

Sheikh Saad stressed that laws to keep up with changing scenarios, need change or amendments to suit requirements and needs of society to serve interests of the nation and to guarantee a better life for the people.

Sheikh Saad described the preparing and training of staff and manpower as the backbone of administrative reforms. He said that by doing that, we can ensure the best implementation of plans and programmes. But the Crown Prince emphasised that this cannot be attained without "the true care to build the Kuwaiti people and prepare them to face the challenges of modern life."



## Palestinian uprising

Three Palestinians, two with their hands bound, under arrest in a military jeep as Israeli soldiers stand nearby. Ramallah was declared a closed military area, and journalists were asked to leave the town. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Famine threatens southern Sudan

Rebels vow relief support

WAU, Sudan, March 25, (Reuters): The refugee children of Wau laugh hysterically at their grimacing friends when nurse Susanne Ndegger injects them with meningitis vaccine.

But the fun is short-lived, overwhelmed by the horror of southern Sudan's civil war and resultant famine, which killed an estimated 250,000 people last year alone.

Close to Ndegger's temporary clinic in a filthy camp at Wau, the bodies of three men who died from diarrhoea and malnutrition lay in a warehouse taken over by squatters.

Tuberculosis, malaria and diarrhoea are widespread and many of the children are widely expected to catch measles.

Grotesque signs of severe malnutrition are evident among some of the 1,000 refugees in the camp, for whom Ndegger, a Swiss nurse, has become a symbol of hope.

Usually the 29-year-old from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) brings food and medicine. At times she drives seriously ill refugees to the local hospital in her car.

Crowds of children mob her when she arrives in the camp and force her to shake hands. Her car is viewed with almost as much awe and youngsters beg for a ride anywhere.

When she recently brought a shining vaccination gun for the meningitis shots, she dazzled children and their parents alike.

Ndegger said she feared meningitis and measles might kill the children later in the year. A doctor at Wau's public hospital said five people died since March 9 from meningitis.

All the refugees at the camp at Wau, 1,000 km (600 miles) southwest of Khartoum, originally came from the towns of Yirol, Rumbek and Tonj in Bahr Al Ghazal region.

They belong to the Dinka tribe, whose estimated two million members knew little more before the war than herding cattle, fishing, hunting and fighting rival tribes with spears.

At least three million people have since fled their homes to escape starvation and the nearly six years of fighting between government troops and rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

Sudanese rebels have "strongly and emphatically" endorsed a massive United Nations relief effort to combat starvation in the southern Sudan, a UN official said today.

Richard S. Reid, regional director of the United Nations Children's Fund for the Middle East and North Africa, said rebel leaders "are now impatient" for the relief effort to begin.

The UNICEF official flew to the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa from Amman, Jordan, yesterday and spent the day meeting with officials of the rebel SPLA.

The United States said yesterday a race against starvation in Sudan would be lost, with up to 100,000 people dying this year, unless developed nations immediately donated millions of dollars for food.

Washington was doing its part but other nations were not doing enough, Julia Taft, who heads the State Department's office of foreign disaster assistance, told reporters at a news briefing.

Among the countries Washington hoped would do more were Japan, Saudi Arabia, and the nations of Western Europe, including Britain, the Netherlands, and Italy.

## Talks with Polisario leader

MADRID, March 25, (Reuters): A delegation of Spanish parliamentarians left for Algiers today to meet leaders of the Polisario Front guerrilla group and visit the disputed Western Sahara territory for the first time. The eight deputies will hold talks with Algerian parliamentarians and visit refugee camps as well as crossing into Western Sahara to meet Polisario leader Mohamed Abdelaziz, head of the self-declared Saharan Arab Democratic Republic.

## Archaeologists discover a Babylonian ghost city in Iraq

BOSTON, March 25, (UPI): Archaeologists working in Iraq found the remains of one of the world's oldest cities, a Babylonian ghost town where 15,000 people lived before the vagaries of war and nature left it deserted forever.

A research team confirmed in January that a desert site about 90 miles south of Baghdad is the location of the lost city of Mashkan-Shapir — abandoned

around 1720 BC. The discovery marks the first time archaeologists have found remnants of a major city of that era that was not resettled and it should provide a wealth of untainted information about early civilisation.

"Instead of having 4,000 years of occupation where people are living on top of everything else, you really have a single city. You have just a single period of settlement," said Elizabeth Stone, an archaeologist at the State University of New York in Stony Brook, who led the team that made the discovery.

"It really allows you to ask specific questions about the organisation of Mesopotamian cities," said Stone, who was in Boston last week to discuss her findings with colleagues from Boston and Harvard Universities. "That's what's really excit-

ing about it as an archaeological site."

Built around 1843 BC, Mashkan-Shapir was located between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in what had been Babylon. At its peak during the reign of King Hammurabi, the Mesopotamian city was an important trade centre.

The city was apparently abandoned after Hammurabi's death in 1750 BC, triggered a collapse

of his empire and revolts throughout the region in which dikes and dams were destroyed and cities — including Mashkan-Shapir — were burned.

The city apparently was never resettled because the Euphrates River shifted too far away to make it valuable any longer as a trade centre, Stone said.

"It appears they were left high and dry," he said.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Amiri cable

KUWAIT, March 25, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the Greek President on the occasion of his country's national day.

## Amiri audiences

KUWAIT, March 25, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah. HH also received Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

Sheikh Sabah will head Kuwait's delegation to the ordinary session meetings of Arab League Council.

## Presidential envoy

KUWAIT, March 25, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received a message from French President Francois Mitterrand. The message was delivered by French presidential envoy, Claude Arnaud.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also received today the French presidential envoy Claude Arnaud.

The Amiri Adviser Mohammed Sulaiman Said Ali attended the meeting.

## Senegal minister

KUWAIT, March 25, (KUNA): Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi received today, at his office, Senegalese Minister of Civil Services, Employment and Labour, Jibril Ango, during which discussions centred on ways of enhancing joint relations in the fields of port affairs.

Mazidi told KUNA that discussions focused on employing Senegalese technicians and skilled labour in sea ports.

## Entertainment ban

KUWAIT'S Ministry of Information will not be granting any permits to singing or other artists in the field of entertainment throughout the Holy Month of Ramadhan, according to a local daily.

The paper added that a number of such performances have, therefore, been postponed till the completion of Ramadhan. This step comes within the framework of the ministry's efforts to organise the issuance of such permits which had got out of hand recently.

## Female officials

WITHIN a month, female officials will be appointed to monitor and supervise the cleanliness laws in Kuwait, according to Ahmed Ismael Al Abdullah, controller of the constructions department at Kuwait Municipality.

The implementation of the cleanliness law has been held in abeyance to provide enough time to finalise the appointment of these personnel, the official said. He added that women have proved themselves in many other fields and he hoped that this experiment will prove a success in keeping Kuwait clean. These officials have been empowered to issue citations to offenders of the cleanliness law, the official said.

## Maid offices

THE Ministry of Interior has completed a study which will be the basis for preparing a draft law to organise offices that import maids and servants, according to reliable sources.

The draft law is expected to be approved and announced during next month, the sources said. Basically, the law makes it mandatory for owners of maids employment offices to deposit an amount of KD5,000 to ensure that the office will be run according to ministerial guidelines. The amount will be refunded in case the office closes.

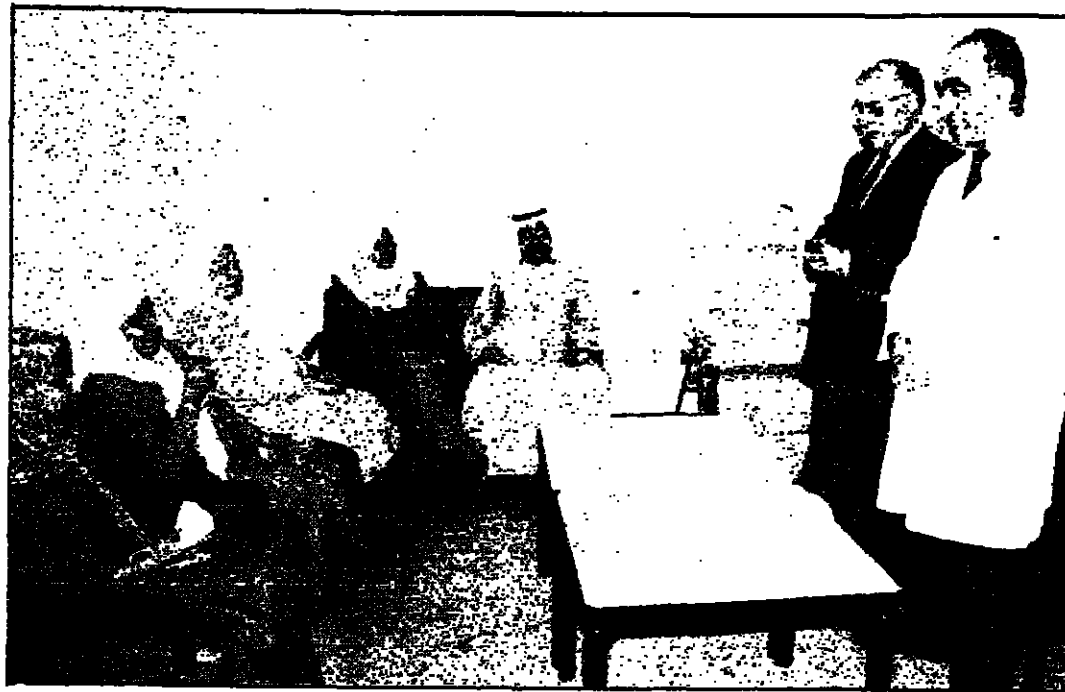
Owners of these offices welcomed the draft law, which will grant an official licence to these offices to practice this trade. The law is designed to organise and streamline procedures for recruiting and employing maids and servants from abroad, the sources added.

## Kuwaiti envoy

MUSCAT, March 25, (KUNA): Kuwaiti-Omani ties were praised today by Kuwait's Ambassador to Oman Abdul Wahab Al Adami who described them as deep rooted.

Adami, interviewed by KUNA, said the recent visit to Oman by Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah has contributed in fostering and boosting such relations.

He praised the outcome of Sheikh Salem's visit and described it as "successful."



Kidney recipients and friends gather with Prof. George Abouna at the Hamad Al Essa Centre

## Subiya city final plan approved

### Work opportunities for 100,000 people

THE final physical plan of the new Subiya city has been approved by the higher committee of masterplan and grand construction projects. The committee also approved linking the new city with Kuwait City by a causeway.

A ministerial committee has been appointed to formulate work plans and determine priorities related to construction phases.

The physical plan envisages a maximum of 250,000 inhabitants. It is foreseen that the new city will be self-sufficient in relation to job opportunities.

The plan includes the primary design of the main network of public utilities. It also includes the organisational schemes of the central area (city centre and government offices), the first and second housing areas (each of which can accommodate about 21,000 inhabitants) and the industrial area.

Air-India

## Standard summer schedule

THE main feature of Air-India's summer schedule, which comes into force on March 26, 1989, is that except for Kuwait/Trivandrum flight, which leaves at 7.45 am on Friday, all other flights to Bombay, Delhi and Goa leave from Kuwait at 10.45 pm, Sunday through Friday. There will be no Air-India flight on Saturday.

During summer, Air-India will operate six flights to Bombay, out of which one will be via Delhi on Sunday and two flights to Delhi out of which the Friday flight will be via Bombay.

Kuwait/Goa flights will continue to operate on Monday via Bombay, leaving from Kuwait at 10.45 pm and reaching Goa at 9.30 am the next day.

Kuwait/Trivandrum flight will operate every Friday with departure Kuwait at 7.45 am and arrival Trivandrum at 3.35 pm.

Apart from the above flight operations, passengers travelling to Delhi from Kuwait will have convenient connections over Bombay on Mondays and Wednesdays. Trivandrum bound passengers will have connections over Bombay on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bombay/Goa leg of flight AI162, which originates from Frankfurt, leaves Bombay at 2.30 pm and reaches Goa at 3.30 pm and can be utilised by Goa bound passengers who wish to leave from Kuwait on Sunday night flight, and reach Goa on Monday afternoon.

Tuesday and Thursday flights from Kuwait will have convenient connections to Madras from Bombay with arrivals at Madras at 9.35 am on Wednesday and 10.35 am on Friday.

Air-India arrivals into Kuwait are also standardised at 9.30 pm. Only exception is on Friday morning with flight AI859 arriving from Bombay at 6.30 am.

The city is to be located on the Subiya peninsula northeast of Kuwait. The site is about 250 square kilometres and it is intended that half of this area will be utilised for the needs of the city.

Relevant studies indicate that the new city will be an active base with the ability to offer employment to about 100,000 persons by the end of this century. Work opportunities are expected to be in the government departments and in higher educational institutions. The city is also expected to have a number of light industries.

## Artificial lake

Government and commercial activities will be located in the centre of the project site overlooking an artificial lake. The university, industrial centre and water and power stations will be located in the south of the site. The technical training institutions complex and a government complex will be located in

the west near the central park.

Downtown Subiya will comprise an area of 136 hectares. About 14,000 people will be gainfully employed in the downtown area, including 3,430 appointees in government departments.

The first stage of the project will include the construction of a group of buildings in the city centre such as some commercial buildings, cultural and administrative establishments and multi-storey car parks.

Residential areas will consist of 13 suburbs, each with an accommodation capacity of about 20,000 persons of which 60 per cent will be Kuwaitis. Each suburb will have a number of commercial and social utilities such as schools, mosques, co-operative societies, shops and social services buildings.

Studies have determined that the new city will not have any kind of heavy or petrochemical industries.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

## Airfares war begins again

AIRLINES offering 'special' low-cost return fares on non-direct flights between Bahrain and London are not optimistic about the chances of success of the new increased fares on direct flights announced recently in this sector by a group of four major national carriers.

Last week Qantas, British Airways, Cathay Pacific and the national carrier Gulf Air announced after 'an agreement' to increase the return fare on direct flights between Bahrain and London from the current BD315 to BD329 from May 1. Officials of these airlines believe that the increase is justified and realistic in view of the market picking up and to keep the airlines concerned commercially operational in the region.

An Arab Times survey revealed however that officials of four other airlines offering considerably lower fare in this sector are of the view that the so-called new official fare may not hold after all as it is still very much a buyers market.

They further added that based on past experiences such a price structure may collapse after one and then all the major carriers start giving unauthorised 'under the counter' discounts.

Airlines such as Egypt Air, Royal Jordanian Airlines, Turkish Airlines and Saudia offer passengers the choice of flying to London from Bahrain via a stop-over destination for over BD100 less according to the officially agreed fare of the 'big four'.

Omair Ahmed Aly, general manager of Egypt Air, told the Arab Times that the major airlines are trying to justify the increased fare by offering expensive gifts, thereby luring passengers.

"British Airways and Cathay are offering passengers gifts like pocket TV. We feel this is one way they are trying to justify higher rates," said Aly. He added that airlines like Egypt Air compensate the inconvenience of non-direct flights to London by offering the passengers complimentary stop-over holiday of a day or two in Cairo to go with the low fare. Sales manager Moosa Durazi charged the big airlines of 'deep freezing' the open market.

Abdulla Khalifa, travel manager of Taj Travel, representatives of Turkish Airlines commented: "The new fare may be acceptable for people whose trip is paid for by their companies, but for the average passenger it is not realistic. The average man flying to London on his own expense will always look for bargain fares".

However, he agreed that the price increase is justified to a certain extent especially during summer.

General manager of Royal Jordanian Airlines, Fahel, stated that he supports the price increase only if the participating airlines are 'sincere' in their agreement. "In the past we have seen malpractices committed by big four giving discounts immediately after reaching an agreement on a new fare, sometimes as early as one day after the meeting."

Sami Al Madani, general manager of Saudia, agreed that unless all airlines come together and follow the rules rigidly such fare increases will benefit none.

For the last two years a price-war has been going on in the Bahrain-London sector. A number of times in the past the four major airlines agreed to a particular 'realistic' fare in this sector, only for the scheme to collapse and revert back to the open market prices.

Goods not collected by importers within a period of 90 days are

transferred to a finance house and publicly auctioned. Revenues from such sales are credited to the state's treasury after a period of one year, during which time the importer can claim his share of the sale proceeds. The department announces the days of these auctions in the official gazette, and the auctions are opened to all citizens and expatriates. Ghanim said.

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## Four kidney ops in one day

KUWAIT, March 25, (KUNA): Four kidney transplants were undergone here recently in 24 hours for the first time ever from two dead young men whose families donated their kidneys after their death, according to official sources at Hamad Al Essa Centre for Kidney and Organ transplants.

All four who underwent transplants were in sound health.

"It is a dream that comes true," said 16-year-old Kuwaiti national Mariam Zaar, who has been suffering from kidney failure over the past five years.

"I cannot be described how I felt when the hospital called to tell me that there was a kidney available for me," she added.

"I just imagined how I will no longer be in need of dialysis three times a week," Mariam said, shedding tears of gratitude.

## Desperate

Nadia Wassef, a 44-year-old Jordanian housewife, was the second lucky patient who has been waiting desperately for a kidney donor after she lost hope that none of her relatives' kidneys were suitable for her.

"My family drove me hastily to the hospital but there I found six patients called by the hospital's administration. Their blood groups were the same but tissue examinations excluded them. So, I received it," said Nadia.

Another housewife, also Jordanian, 40, was the third recipient. She said she began to suffer from kidney failure four years ago.

"I was really shocked when the hospital phoned me. It means the end of dialysis three times a week. I just couldn't believe it. I didn't know whether to cry or to laugh," said Rawda Arij.

"I am all right now. I am grateful to the donors. I feel that we owe them our lives," she added.

## Rejection

Rawda said she visited the family of her donor to thank them.

"They are marvellous people. They congratulated us on the success of the operation. God bless them all," she added.

The fourth recipient is Hassan Ali Ibrahim, a Kuwaiti, 44, who underwent a kidney transplant ten years ago but his body began to

reject it a year ago.

He said the rejection was due to diabetes. He also said doctors told him that due to that illness he would suffer kidney failure once again.

"I feel all right now after the second transplant. I resumed my work normally. They don't burden me with heavy work," he said.

Professor George Abouna, head of the centre, praised the families of the two deceased youths and elaborated on the kidney transplant operations in Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

## Brain death

He pointed out that governments of the two Arab countries had agreed to the legal and Islamic definition that a dead brain meant death of the human being.

Abouna underlined that as a result in Saudi Arabia, which has 1000 patients suffering from kidney failure, families of 57 persons out of 214 persons who died over the past 18 months and their death was certified as brain death, have agreed to donate their sons' organs for transplant operations.

## Money for rail line to come from taxes

THE government may increase existing petrol prices by one or two fils per litre and impose duties on car imports, according to Musa Al Sarraf, director of the Planning Department at Kuwait Municipality.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the project is currently under consideration at a senior government level. The projected returns will be used to fund the proposed rail linkage of Kuwaiti towns and provide better quality public transport buses. Five per cent of the total public transport fares will be allocated for the same purpose.

Sarraf added that a plan to reconsider existing car park fees and locations is being discussed. In keeping with the revised country's master plan, the public transport service is intended to cater to 40 per cent of commuters' public transportation needs within the city. The existing infrastructure of roads and parking lots will be able to accommodate 60 per cent of the balance car traffic.

Speaking on the rail link project, Sarraf said that it could be completed within 10 years, if it begins now. Studies indicate that the best rail line would be one linking Salmiya, with Kuwait City and Khaitan through Hawalli and the Shuwaikh industrial areas, with a total length of 32 km.

Kuwait Municipality as of last year began its third revision of the master plan, to cope with the requirements of the national and urban development process as well as the modernisation of various public facilities and services, Sarraf said.

He added that the national planning scheme is based on various vital elements which include recreational, industrial, shopping and environmental protection. The country's economic boom in the seventies has necessitated the preparation of long-term national planning scheme to be implemented over the next 25 years.

The recently revised physical plan incorporates recommendations aimed at sorting out chronic traffic congestion, and seeks to ensure conformity of construction projects currently under way with the objectives of the next five-year development plan, the official said.

Sarraf added that the Jahra road currently under construction will be 11 kilometres long running from Jahra roundabout to Sulaibikhat. Total construction cost of this project was estimated in 1985 at KD500 million. It will be similar to the Ghazal Street flyover, he commented.

Recommendations in the revised master plan seek to convert Fahd Al Salem Street into a commercial road to be provided with all essential services and shopping centres as well as special areas for children to play.

Other recommendations seek to open up Salem Al Mubarak Street in Salmiya and renovate old areas according to planned urban expansion needs. Part of the urban development scheme is a proposal to construct new towns. The success of this project will be measured by the basic public services available to these towns and granting citizens a larger area of land on which to build their houses, Sarraf said.

## Labour departments hard-pressed to finalise residence permit transfers

### New law may create insecurity

THE last three days have witnessed hectic activity at the labour departments of the various governorates, in the wake of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour's new regulations organising and governing labour in the private sector.

Ahmed Al Kulaib, director of Jahra Labour Department said that his department began implementing the new orders as of Wednesday March 22.

Abdurahman Al Tawheed, director of Ahmadi Labour Department was quoted as saying that the new regulations had been designed in the interest of the public and had taken into account the interests of both employers and employees.

He clarified that the legal period for cancelling and transferring of the residence will be calculated as of the commencement of the contract between the employee and the employer.

Officials at Hawalli Labour Department were hard-pressed to finalise the load of applicants during the first day after the issuance of the new regulations. Director Adnan Al Omar received about 85 transactions on the first day of the new order.

Employers said they should have been given more time to reorganise their employment policies. They said that a one-year period to permit residence transfers should be introduced.

Saleh Mahdi Abbas, manager of an import-export firm, said that the new labour law will adversely affect commercial movement in the market and is detrimental to the interests of the employee. He said that employees should be provided with more freedom to transfer their residences. Restricting employees from working part-time at other establishments will lead to the creation of demand for new work permits, he said.

The implementation of the labour law is vital and should be seriously considered, he added.

Dr Qasem Mohammed Farhan said that the new labour law is unfair to employees — especially those newly employed as they will fall under the mercy of employers. They will be forced to accept any salary in order to pass the three-year period, he said.

He anticipated many problems in the future which will compel decision-makers to consider re-issuing the law in a different format to justify the rights of employees.

Mustafa Abdu, meanwhile, commented that the new labour law will organise the labour market. While expressing full support towards the intentions of the new labour law, he said that the Ministry of Labour should prepare a questionnaire to highlight the viewpoints of both the employer and the employee.

## Qualifications being classified to determine labour needs

By Jamal Ameen

THE Public Authority for Civil Information has begun classifying scientific and professional qualifications of citizens and residents registered under the civil information system, according to a Kuwaiti official.

Faisal Al Shayji, the director of the authority said that this step is intended to determine the needs of the local labour market with respect to various professions and specialisations. A realistic plan for the country's need of various disciplines will then be formulated.

Speaking to a local daily, Shayji said that the authority will finalise the publication based on parameters such as professional specialisation, age, current job

requirements, and determine the need of a special category of experts. This study will determine the requirements of the forthcoming five-year development plan.

He added that the study is expected to establish as many as 35,000 professional specialisations in Kuwait among both citizens and residents.

A new branch has been opened in Farwaniya in the vicinity of Kids 'r' Us building where civil ID cards can be collected. Shayji said that his office will receive all expired ID cards mailed to it for applicants with the Farwaniya registration centre and applicants registered with Al Rihab Complex will collect their cards at the Ministries Complex.

## Teacher caught shoplifting

SECURITY men recently arrested a teacher on charges of theft at a supermarket in the Salmiya area.

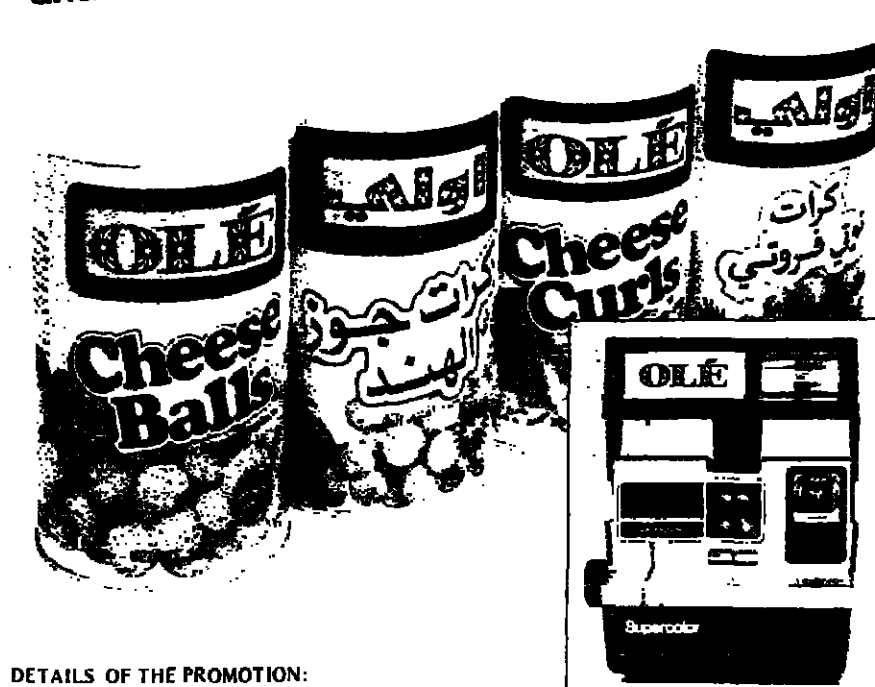
According to security personnel at the Sultan Center, the accused was suspected of pilfering valuable items when they discovered many empty boxes inside his shopping cart.

A search of the accused revealed items such as watches and perfumes concealed in his clothes. The thief had hidden these items after discarding the packaging.

The accused admitted the charges to policemen who were called in by Sultan Center's security personnel.

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## Independent public customs authority proposed

A PROPOSAL to transform the Public Customs Department into an independent authority to be run by a special cadre along the lines of the police and the Army has received the support of Ibrahim Al Ghanim, director-general of the department.

The proposal, if implemented would provide more flexibility in undertaking inspection activities, Ghanim said. The move

would also tend to increase customs revenues. The ministerial committee set up to resolve duplication of activities of public departments is also reviewing this issue in relation to the customs department, the Public Ports Authority and the Ministry of the Interior. The issue will be resolved very shortly, the official said.

Ghanim added that trailers

and trucks now wait for three to four days at border centres prior to unloading their goods. This delay results in importers paying high costs in the form of transportation charges. The additional cost for these four days is about KD120 per vehicle.

The main aim of establishing new customs stations will not only reduce the waiting period, but also contribute to enhancing

the capabilities of customs officials in detecting smuggled goods.

The official said that the department's annual income amounts to about KD65 million from customs and service fees. He expected that revenues this year will amount to about KD70-75 million.

Goods not collected by importers within a period of 90 days are



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Thought for today

LOVE is like measles — all the worse when it comes late in life — Douglas Jerrold, English writer (1803-1857).

## Israeli intelligence row

### Leftist ideology

By Bernard Edinger

TEL AVIV, (Reuters): A secret intelligence study reported to say Israel will have to talk to the PLO has underscored the left-wing background of some of Israel's most senior Army commanders.

The report, quoted in the press, angered right-wingers already upset by a statement by the chief of staff, Lieutenant General Dan Shomron, describing the 15 months of Palestinian protests in the occupied territories as a national uprising.

Right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was outraged by the annual report to the government drafted by Israel's external, domestic and military intelligence services.

"The Israeli military elite are pragmatic and realistic and if they think Palestinians in occupied areas where they serve will react only to orders from the PLO, they won't hesitate to say so," said Yoram Peri, author of "Between Battles and Ballots" about the Army's role in Israeli politics.

"But there is no doubt that deep down, the top of the command structure still carries the ideology and politics of the generation before them which is certainly left of centre," he added.

Members of Shamir's rightist Likud Party accused the dovish Labour Party of leaking the military intelligence report to the press.

Shamir, who has vowed never to talk to the PLO, initially denied the report's contents but later backed down. He and the Defence Ministry both said the report contained assessments not recommendations.

The Israeli press and parliamentary opposition accused Shamir of lying in his denial that the intelligence report said Israel had no choice but to negotiate with the PLO.

"The prime minister lied when he denied the existence of the intelligence report on the PLO," charged Yossi Sarid of the opposition Citizens' Rights Movement.

Sarid, a member of parliament's foreign affairs and defence committee, said: "The evaluation of the intelligence services exists and speaks clearly of the moderation of the PLO and its joining of the compromise camp in the Arab world."

"It also speaks of the complete control of the PLO in the (occupied) territories and says only Israeli negotiations with the PLO are likely to calm the uprising."

The reported findings run counter to Shamir's policy of refusing to talk to the PLO and to his view that the Tunis-based group remains a terrorist organisation bent on Israel's destruction.

#### Origin

The Israeli Army was a direct offspring of the underground Hagana (defence) organisation, the armed militia of the Jewish community in pre-statehood Palestine. Its leaders were socialist figures like founding father David Ben-Gurion.

Three current Labour Party cabinet ministers — Yitzhak Rabin, Haim Bar-Lev and Mordechai Gur — rose to be chiefs of staff after starting their careers in Hagana's elite strike force, the Palmach.

## Thatcher's Africa visit

### A new realism

By John Morrison

HARARE, (Reuters): When British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrives in Zimbabwe next week she is likely to find the region's black frontline states in a new mood of diplomatic realism towards their white-ruled southern neighbour.

While Thatcher will hear familiar calls for the total isolation of South Africa's hated apartheid regime, she will also discover that behind the rhetoric the frontline states are urgently rethinking their relationship with Pretoria.

Under the impact of last year's agreement for a Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola and independence for South African-ruled Namibia, long-held positions against negotiations with Pretoria are being reassessed.

Other factors encouraging the shift are the Soviet Union's support for talks to resolve South Africa's racial conflict and the prospect of faster change there if President P.W. Botha retires as expected later this year.

For her part, Thatcher, who begins a whirlwind African tour tomorrow for talks with the leaders of five nations, is set to throw her weight behind Southern African peace moves.

Officials said the main focus of the trip is on southern Africa and during three days in Zimbabwe and Malawi she will spell out Britain's views on regional developments.

"The prime minister hopes to give further impetus to these exciting changes, changes that were not imaginable only a few years ago," a Thatcher aide said in London this week.

The aide said Thatcher would want to explore ways to end Mozambique's civil war, stress the need for the Namibian independence agreement to be implemented faithfully by all sides, encourage economic reform in the region and promote "further and faster reform in South Africa."

But Thatcher, at odds with Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe and other Commonwealth leaders over her opposition to sweeping economic sanctions against Pretoria, will not visit South Africa or meet representatives of any South African groups, officials in London said.

Thatcher stops first in Morocco for talks with King Hassan II. Next is Lagos to confer with Nigeria's President Ibrahim Babangida and Zimbabwe where she will hold talks with Mugabe and President Joaquim Chissano of neighbouring Mozambique. She then visits Malawi for talks with President Hastings Banda.

The shift among the six frontline states was evident at a 14-nation Organisation of African Unity (OAU) meeting on southern Africa in Harare on Wednesday.

One objective for the meeting was to thrash out a clear response to South Africa's recent efforts to break out of its diplomatic isolation in Africa in the aftermath of the Namibia-Angola peace deal.

Last year the frontline states — Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, Botswana, Mozambique and Tanzania — and their neighbours to the north were in total disarray as Botha held a series of meetings with leaders in Mozambique, Malawi, Zaire and Ivory Coast.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1495 — Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian appeals to German princes at Diet of Worms to check progress of French in Italy.
- 1793 — Holy Roman Empire declares war on France; French royalists revolt in La Vendée.
- 1820 — Individual liberties are curtailed in France.
- 1854 — Charles III, Duke of Parma, is murdered.
- 1895 — Japan occupies Pescadores Islands in Formosa Strait.
- 1913 — More than 1,400 people perish in floods in US states of Ohio, Indiana and Texas.
- 1926 — Romania and Poland form an alliance.
- 1931 — Treaty of friendship is signed between Iraq and Transjordan.
- 1953 — US Dr Jonas E. Salk announces new vaccine to immunize against polio.
- 1970 — Foreign ministers of Islamic countries decide at Jordan meeting to establish permanent secretariat.
- 1971 — Pakistan is reported on verge of civil war as President Yahya Khan outlaws rebellious Awami League.
- 1975 — South Vietnamese government announces arrest of several people for plotting to overthrow President Nguyen Van Thieu.
- 1986 — Libyan Radio calls for Arab suicide squads to strike US embassies and other interests "wherever they may be."
- 1988 — Iran and Iraq battle for mastery over Kurdistan Mountains, just east of Iraqi oilfields.

## Washington today

# Israel in a fix: Shamir plan a non-starter



Shamir visit

negotiate with the Israeli government, will succeed. The Bush administration

therefore decided that it is important for the Israelis to realise that the United States is prepared to press for direct negotiations and that they are preferable to the kind of international conference the Soviet Union has been advocating.

Interestingly enough, the Soviets seem to be more interested in finding some sort of a way to bring about a solution than insisting that it has to be done at an international conference. There are signs that they have impressed on their Syrian ally that Damascus must not oppose negotiations between Israel and the PLO, as it has in the past, and that they are willing to let the United States proceed with pressing for direct negotiations, keeping the international conference more as a fall-back position.

Consequently, there is a greater willingness to recognise that the policy of

the past (which was to keep the Soviet Union out of any role in the Middle East) should be modified to obtain Soviet support for direct negotiations. The two superpowers seem to have reached the conclusion, independently, that an historic opportunity is approaching for progress in the peace process and that if it is missed, war may become inevitable and so might a superpower involvement.

Interestingly enough, the PLO, while aiming at direct negotiations with Israel, in the meantime is imploring the United States in private talks to act as an intermediary. The problem in all this for the United States are the efforts of Palestinians to infiltrate Israel from the north and Arafat's seeming inability to bring those to a halt. It provides Israel with the argument that the PLO remains a terrorist organisation. But it is not preventing the Bush administration from advocating direct talks.

The Bush administration is being widely criticised for being slow off the mark in developing its policies, filling important jobs that have remained vacant and lacking in clear-cut political direction from the White House. The President's unwavering support for John Tower as his secretary of defence has hurt him, but, first of all, at least on paper Tower's experience as chairman of the Senate Armed Service Committee qualified him for the job and, secondly, it would have been even more hurtful if Bush had withdrawn his nomination for then everybody would have accused him of being a wimp after all.

It is true that the administration has been slow in filling jobs below the top level, but the investigations into the private lives of the appointees have become so wide-ranging, so cumbersome that they are the main explanation for the delays. Also Bush gave instructions to his cabinet that since he could not give his cabinet the kind of fair-minded mix of women and other minorities he originally aimed at, he now wants it to be done at lower levels.

The complaints about Bush's tardiness in developing his foreign policies are, in my view, premature. There is the decision to press for direct negotiations between Israel and the PLO, which shows a certain courage, because it may well run into opposition from various Jewish organisations.

There is the decision on a new approach to the problems in Central America, and especially in Nicaragua. The Reagan administration did not want to link the problem of Afghanistan with Nicaragua, because it did not want to tie its hands on helping the Afghan rebels. But now, with the Soviet troops out of Afghanistan, the situation is different. It opens up the possibility of a compromise that could lead to an American commitment to stop all weapon supplies to the Afghan rebels in exchange for the Soviets ending their supplying the Nicaraguan government with arms and ammunition. I would not be surprised if such a compromise proposal were not already under preliminary discussion.

There is furthermore the awareness that Bush came to the presidency at a time of profound change in the United States' position in the world when far-reaching shifts in Soviet foreign and military policies are in train and when a wide-ranging review of East-West relations has become necessary.

Inevitably, it has churned up sharp differences behind the scenes between those who advocate a continuity of policy with only gradual changes and those who see the need for sweeping

policy reforms to wrest the initiative from Gorbachev. It is true that he has gained the diplomatic initiative, but that does not mean, in my view, that the Bush administration, considering the importance of this review, should not take time to develop its own carefully considered answers to the dawn of a new era.

A much more nimble approach to American diplomacy is required under the circumstances. The pressures the Americans have been exercising on the West German government, for instance, are misconceived. They have not only weakened the appeal of the Kohl government in West Germany, but they are also engendering a growing anti-American feeling there that could hurt NATO unity on the eve of a NATO conference in July that Bush is planning to attend. There are other American diplomatic, or rather undiplomatic pressures, that are feeding anti-Americanisms, like the request to participate formally in the deliberations of the European Economic Community when issues affecting American national interests are under discussion.

One of the most important among new decisions the Bush administration has taken is to promote a plan to reduce the Third World debt through additional lending and through cutting down the debts payments. Even though much still needs to be explained and clarified, there is broad agreement that this is as yet the most constructive and most practical plan to have been presented to the LDC countries.

It provides for the conversion of the \$280 billion that debtor countries owe to private banks into low-interest bonds, to mention only one aspect of the complex scheme, to alleviate a crisis that could seriously threaten US-Latin American relations and the internal political stability in Third World countries, an enlargement of the American quota to the funds of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the two have been seeking for a number of years, and guarantees by the two organisations which would be a powerful incentive for the sale of those bonds.

Despite the criticism that the Bush administration has lost some of its momentum, it is unlikely that it has suffered lasting damage from the rejection of John Tower as secretary of defence. After the amazingly swift confirmation by Congress of Richard Cheney for the job, this issue will soon be forgotten. That also applies to the slowness of filling sub-cabinet positions. And as to the tardiness in developing new policies, it should be reassuring that President Bush is taking his time to develop new directions for his administration.

## Soviet election: not the old-style

### People's voice — a factor

By John-Thor Dahlburg

MOSCOW, (AP): Television here recently reminded Soviets what their elections once were like: smiling workers plunked their ballots into an urn under a portrait of Josef Stalin, and everybody running got 99 per cent of the vote.

Such was the face of socialist democracy in 1937 and thereafter, when Soviets could vote only for the one candidate nominated by the Communist Party. But Soviet politics now look boisterous on the eve of today's parliamentary elections, when voters nation-wide will have a choice of candidates.

Thousands of Muscovites carrying banners and signs have taken to the streets in illegal demonstrations championing maverick candidate Boris Yeltsin for the country's newly created parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies.

With physicist and Nobel peace prize laureate Andrei Sakharov at their head, members of the Soviet Academy of Sciences voted down two-thirds of a list of old guard candidates nominated by the academy's presidium, and called for new nominees, including Sakharov himself.

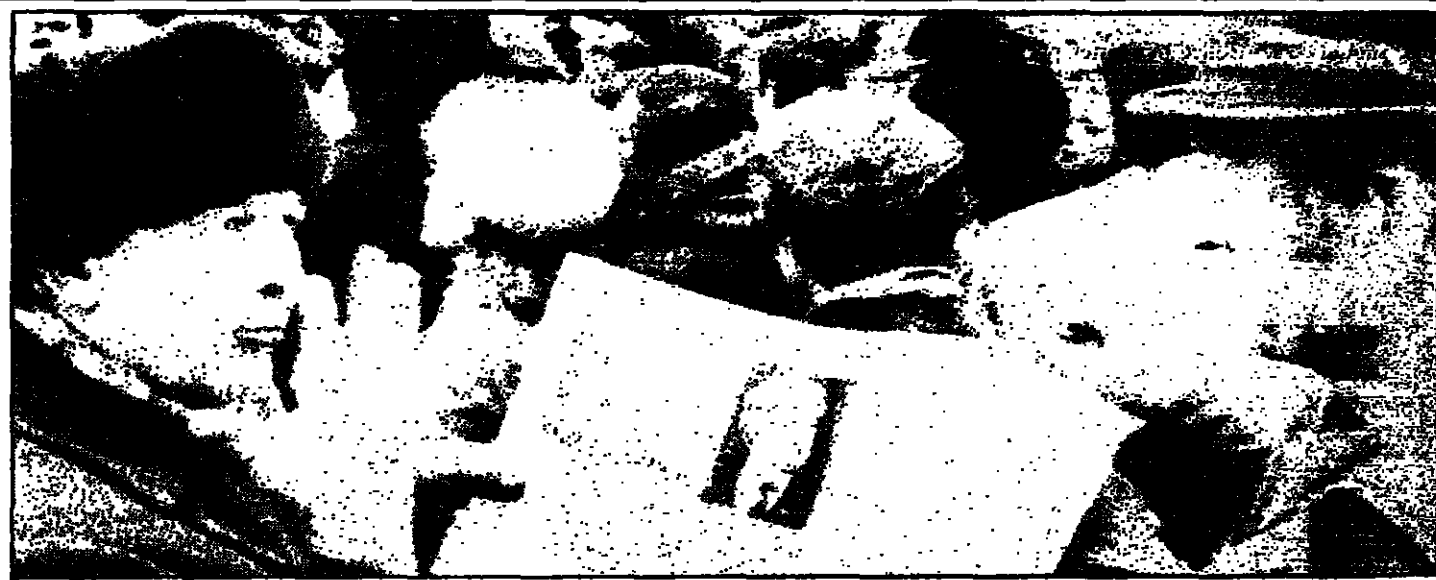
And President Mikhail Gorbachev, also the party general secretary and the driving force behind election reforms, failed to win a unanimous mandate from the party's policy-making central committee, where 12 of 641 people voting opposed his serving in the new assembly. A far cry from both Western democracy and the predictable old Soviet-style election day, Gorbachev's drive for democratic reform has spawned a political system with contradictions, ballot-rigging by officials and the smothering of opposition co-exist with candidates whose outspoken and dissenting views would have once meant prison terms.

Over the past two months, candidates who never before dreamed of a shot at power have been able to publicise their ideas in government-financed posters and debates on state-run television.

In Moscow, Yeltsin calls at rallies for an end to privileges like special food stores and chauffeured limousines for the Kremlin elite, and a handful of candidates advocate a multi-party democracy that would spell the end of the Communist Party's monopoly on power.

Still, the party has dominated, and by pure mathematics, will dominate whatever assembly emerges from today's voting. Officials have packed caucus halls with hand-picked voters, barred electors from holding meetings by denying them a hall, or simply tossed candidates' names off the ballot.

Fully 82 per cent of the candidates running in Sunday's elections for the 1,500 assembly seats representing electoral districts and the 15



A supporter (left) of Yeltsin trying to convince a Muscovite of the merits of his candidate.

constituent Soviet republics are party members, up from 71 per cent in 1984. At that time, party bosses picked the sole nominees without attempting first to plumb public opinion.

And the other 750 assembly seats — an even third — have been directly filled by the Communist Party and other officially sanctioned organisations, from labour unions to an association of stamp collectors.

Eleven of the 12 members of the party's ruling Politburo already have been elected, or are running unopposed. The sole exception is Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, whose job constitutionally bars him from being a candidate.

But even top communists have faced opposition. Ukrainians at the Paton Institute in Kiev refused to nominate the Ukrainian party boss Vladimir Shcherbitsky three times, said writer Yuri Scherbak. Shcherbitsky, the only Politburo member besides Gorbachev left from former President Leonid Brezhnev's days, opted to run unopposed in his old power base in Dnepropetrovsk, Shcherbak said.

In many places, however, democratic reforms have brought no visible end to the party's grip, or to elections with no choice. In fully one quarter of today's races there is only one candidate, Dmitri Golovko, deputy chief of the central electoral commission, told a news briefing recently.

In the Ukrainian town of Melitopol, election officials cut a slate of 11 candidates to just one.

"Without any doubt in their authority, they sent us back to the system we'd been trying to escape: elections without choice," several irate voters complained in a letter published by the newspaper Sovetskaya Kultura.

In one Moscow district where firebrand editor Vitaly Korotich of Ogonyok magazine was a candidate, hundreds of his supporters were literally left standing in the cold, behind police barricades, while official black cars drove through and disgorged passengers holding tickets to the voters' caucus during the nominating.

A poster tacked to a news-stand summed up the problem: "700 people can't decide for 350,000." But in the end, they did. The 700 voters at that meeting tossed six of the eight candidates off the ballot, including Korotich and Moscow circus clown Yuri Nikulin. They left just two candidates to face the 350,000 voters later.

On the other hand, in the politically radical Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Communist Party candidates face strong opposition from the local popular fronts. In the Estonian city of Tartu, for example, Marju Lauristin, a Popular Front leader, is expected to defeat Walter Toots, editor of a Russian-language newspaper.

The groundswell in support for the Popular Front as the election nears is even bringing Estonians to question "the leading role of the party," the Communist Party daily Pravda has noted with evident alarm.

"Outright attempts are being made to implant the idea that it's merely one more faction in the republic," the paper said.

The independent Lithuanian political organisation Sajudis, which advocates sovereignty, though not secession, for the tiny republic, is running candidates for almost all of Lithuania's 42 seats, said spokesman Jonas Uopaitis. And it has had plenty of money for campaigning, thanks to generous Lithuanian emigres, he said.

One clause in the election law gives a new option to Soviets who feel cheated by the party machine's choice. Voters today can't write in an alternative candidate, but they can vote no — and if more than 50 per cent of voters do, even entrenched party bosses can lose.

# Islamic leader lying low during Tunisian polls campaign

By Jonathan Wright

TUNIS, (Reuters): Tunisia's Islamic movement leader Rashed Ghannouchi is lying low during the campaign for parliamentary elections on April 2.

Condemned to life imprisonment in 1987 under former President Habib Bourguiba, he is still waiting for the new government to restore his civic rights and let him take a full part in politics.

But across the country, members of Ghannouchi's Nahdha (renaissance) movement have taken advantage of the new atmosphere of political freedom and gone to the hustings as candidates on thinly disguised independent lists.

Ghannouchi, 47, is monitoring their progress from his modest home in the south Tunis suburb of Ben Arous and says that what he has seen so far is encouraging.

"There's a clear difference between our position at the last elections and our position now. In 1981 we were in prison," he said in an interview.

"Although we do not yet have a licence to operate and cannot take part on an equal footing with the others, we believe the electoral process has a certain credibility," he added.

The Nahdha movement, direct successor to the old Islamic Tendency Movement (MTI), applied for legal recognition in early February and has not yet received an answer. Ghannouchi expects approval to come through after the elections.

Bourguiba treated the MTI as enemies of the state, completely excluded them from political life, arrested thousands and drove many of the leaders into exile.

President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali, who had Bourguiba removed from

power in November 1987 on grounds of senility, has released them from prison and allowed them to resume their activities.

Nahdha movement members say that three quarters of the 114 independent candidates standing for the 141 seats in Parliament are affiliated to the movement.

That makes them the third largest force after the ruling Rassemblement Constitutionnel Democratique (RCD) and the left-of-centre Mouvement des Democraties Socialistes.

But in a sense the Islamic movement is itself lying low — the manifestos of the independent lists contain few specifically Islamic elements such as application of sharia (Islamic law) or repeal of Tunisia's Western-style marriage laws.

"Everyone is more concerned to emphasise what they have in common,

rather than what divides them. It's as though they wanted to say 'for the moment our demand is to achieve the basics, after that we can disagree,'" Ghannouchi said.

The Islamic leader, a former philosophy lecturer educated in Syria, Egypt and France, said the basics were social justice, Tunisia's Arab and Muslim identity, Arab and Maghreb unity, political and press freedoms and the repeal of oppressive laws.

All these elements appeared in a national pact signed by Tunisia's main political trends last November. Ghannouchi said that if his movement was taking part directly, the pact would be the basis of its programme.

"We are still at the state of establishing our existence. Before we obtain the right to exist, we don't think we can impose on ourselves a detailed programme," he

said. "Our priority is to create an atmosphere of national détente and general freedom that allows to develop our ideas, present them to people and discuss them together," he added.

Some members of the ruling party have already accused the independents either of trying to monopolise the religious constituency or of presenting the face of moderation for the sake of electoral gain.

"Some of these statements contain things reminiscent of the Bourguiba era, like accusing Islamic movement members of being agents of foreign forces," he said.

Ghannouchi said that the new Parliament would represent the main trends capable of practising democracy. "And there will be people sympathetic to the Islamic movement," he added.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Kuwait money supply growth quickens

IN January 1989, Kuwait money supply grew for the second successive month by KD72 million (1.4 per cent) over the previous month to reach KD5,163 million. This growth came as a result of the performance of various money supply components, mainly time deposits in KD, which witnessed a tangible growth of KD150 million (6.6 per cent), in view of depositors' interest in deposits with long maturities, as compared with other deposits, such as savings deposits, sight deposits and deposits denominated in foreign currencies which declined by 4.2 per cent, 3.8 per cent and 1.7 per cent respectively below their levels in the previous month, according to Central Bank of Kuwait's Monthly Monetary Review.

The growth of money supply components in KD from time deposits, as shown above, is mainly attributed to increased interest rates on KD deposits, following the decision passed by the Central Bank of

Kuwait determining the minimum limits of interest rates on the private sector KD deposits with banks, effective December 11, 1988.

In January 1989, the average KD exchange rate against the US dollar declined slightly by 1.35 per cent below its average in the previous month.

The US dollar exchange rate ranged between 281.46 fils and 287.29 fils, a monthly average of 284.27 fils.

Against other major currencies, the KD exchange rate rose at varied rates ranging between a maximum of 3.98 per cent against the Swiss franc and a minimum of 1.63 per cent against the Japanese yen.

Meanwhile, these rates were 2.91 per cent, 2.69 per cent, 2.31 per cent and 1.65 per cent against the Deutsche mark, the French franc, the Italian lira and the pound sterling respectively. From these rates, it can be noticed that the KD exchange rate was more stable than that of

the US dollar because the KD exchange rates against these currencies rose at rates less than those of the US dollar against the same major currencies.

In January, interest rates on interbank KD deposits rose over the previous month by 0.45 per cent (from 8.09 per cent to 8.13 per cent) on one-year deposits and by 1.44 per cent (from 6.0 per cent to 6.09 per cent) on one-week deposits.

Meanwhile, interest rates on both three-month and six-month deposits declined by 2.2 per cent (from 8.05 per cent to 7.88 per cent) and by 1.29 per cent (from 8.11 per cent to 8.01 per cent) respectively.

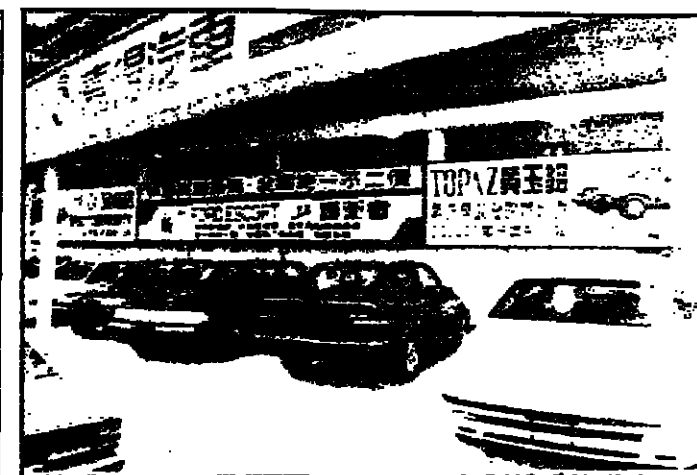
The aggregate balance sheet of local banks (commercial and specialized) totalled KD12,281 million, recording a slight decline of KD183 million (1.5 per cent) below its level in the previous month.

On the side of assets, this decline was a result of several changes, mainly a decrease of KD287 million in foreign assets, other

assets (including interbank deposits) and the balances of local banks in their vaults and at the Central Bank of Kuwait, against an increase of KD104 million in credit facilities granted to residents by these banks and their local investments.

On the side of liabilities, this decline in aggregate balance sheet resulted from a decrease of KD344 million in both foreign liabilities and other liabilities (including interbank deposits), against an increase of KD161 million in deposits of both private sector and government with these banks and own funds.

In January, the Central Bank of Kuwait offered Issue No. 36 of treasury bills amounting to KD70 million. Meanwhile, Issue No. 35 of these bills (KD70 million) has matured, keeping the balance of public debt issues (treasury bills and bonds) at its level (KD1,394.5 million) in the previous month; KD770 million for treasury bills and KD624.5 million for treasury bonds.



Cars awaiting buyers

Bright new American cars awaiting buyers in a Taipei dealership. They won't wait long, the island's consumers are going on a "buy American" spree and snapping up US made goods as declining tariffs and a soaring local currency make prices affordable. (Reuter wirephoto)

## KD rates firm as Saudi riyal deposits rise in quiet trade

KUWAIT, March 25, (Reuters) Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firmed in moderate trade today following the unexpected announcement of a new Treasury bill offering.

It is the first new issue since the Finance Ministry raised Kuwait's borrowing ceiling earlier this month to KD3 billion from 1.4 billion.

The 150 million dinars (\$520 million) in Treasury bills will be offered next Tuesday for Wednesday issue.

Dealers reported active trade in one month maturities, which rose 5.8 of a point from Thursday to 9-12 1/4 per cent, and three months, which rose to the same level from 9-1 1/8-7/8.

Bankers said rates were further pushed up after a small Kuwaiti bank entered the market seeking funds in several periods.

Jumped

Overnight rates jumped to nine eighths from eighths of three today. Tomorrow next and spot next, also rose to nine eighths after dealing at 8-1 1/2 the day before.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.28918 28 from 0.28874 54 on Thursday. Commercial banks quoted 0.28905 35.

Meanwhile Saudi riyal deposit rates were marked higher in a typically quiet trade on the back of rises in US interest rates late on Thursday, dealers said.

Fixed period rates rose by around 1/8 point while short-dated funds were steady at Thursday morning levels.

## Sheikh Ali back home

KUWAIT, March 25, (KUNA) Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa returned home yesterday from Saudi Arabia where he met with Saudi Minister of Industry and Electricity Abdul Aziz Al Zamel and Bahrain's Minister of Development and Industry Youssef Al Shirawi.

Sheikh Ali has discussed with both Zamel and Shirawi the progress realised by the Gulf Petrochemicals Industry Company and the iron plant based in Bahrain which were set up jointly by the three countries.

## Kuwait trading volume jumps

Plan to cancel ceiling gives new impetus

THE Alshahi Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 37.82 points with an increase of 1.26 point — 3.45 per cent — over last week's average. The Alshahi Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 71.49 points with an increase of 1.41 point — 2.01 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshahi Economic Consultant's weekly market report.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 35.46 million shares at a daily average of 7.09 million shares with an increase of 203 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 2.34 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 7.94 million shares at a daily average of 1.59 million shares with an increase of 169 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.59 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD13.16 million at a daily average of KD2.632 million, an increase of 284 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.686 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.416 million at a daily average of KD0.038 million, an increase of 159 over last week's daily average of KD0.032 million.

The market responded positively to the recent measures taken by the Kuwaiti Stock Exchange Committee regarding the issue of a new legislation of Investment and Real Estate Funds which is in the final stages of approval and the decision of Stock Exchange Committee to cancel the minimum and maximum levels of share prices and the allowance of trading outside the trading hall under certain conditions.

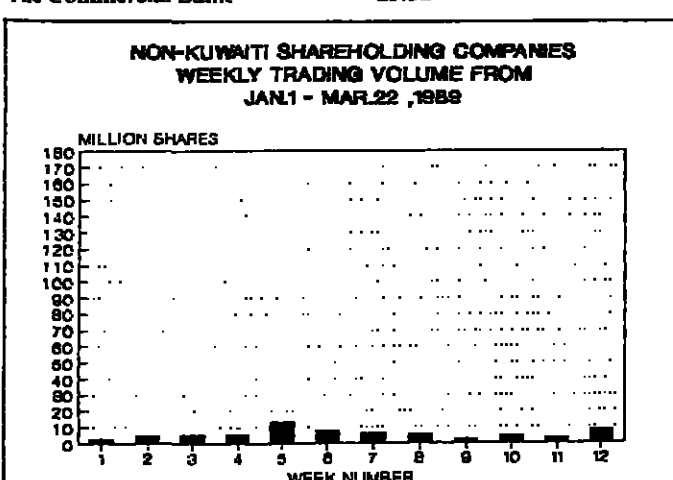
This was reflected favourably on the three market's indicators and was more obvious for the Kuwaiti shares.

"We believe that the decision for cancellation of trading maximum and minimum price limit was hastily made and from our own previous experience could lead to similar practices in the past with new victims and would be reflected negatively on the stock market. We also believe that permitting trading outside the hall should be controlled by written protective measures. In addition, we believe that detailed regulations should be made in support of the expected Investment and Real Estate Funds legislation for proper organisation of this market and if were done properly would help in institutionalisation of the stock market."

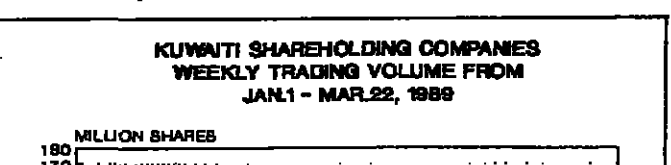
"For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector and the lead at 66 per cent of total trading against 59 per cent last week.

The National Bank of Kuwait had the lead at 25 per cent, followed by Commercial Bank, Burgan Bank Kuwait Finance House at 20 per cent each, and The Gulf Bank at 7 per cent. The Services sector came second at 16 per cent, of which Public Warehousing led at 56 per cent followed by Mobile Telephone System at 26 per cent, and Kuwait Commercial Market at 13 per cent. The investment sector came third at 10 per cent of which Kuwait Investment Projects had the lead at 73 per cent. For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 35 per cent, followed by Arabian General Investment (SHUAA) at 31 per cent and Coast Investment and Development Company at 18 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index			
	Wednesday 22/03/89	Wednesday 15/03/89	Change points
Banking Sector	106.62	102.03	4.59
The National Bank	31.07	30.25	0.83
The Gulf Bank	23.52	22.65	0.87



Al Ahli Bank	27.39	26.43	0.96
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.26	28.06	2.19
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	30.00	-1.71
Burgan Bank	26.26	25.27	0.99
Kuwait Finance House	70.86	65.01	5.85
Sector Index	44.28	42.54	1.75
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	25.71	25.71	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	17.87	17.87	—
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	73.02	61.90	11.11
IFA	41.18	41.18	—
Commercial Facilities	120.00	118.75	1.25
National Investments	70.59	65.69	4.90
Kuwait Investment Proj.	88.76	87.64	1.12
Sector Index	38.88	38.10	0.79
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	38.05	38.05	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	27.69	27.69	—
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	47.74	45.09	2.65
Warba Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
Sector Index	38.01	37.58	0.43
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	17.59	17.59	—
United Realty	6.14	6.03	0.11
National Real Estate	38.22	38.22	—
Sector Index	14.21	14.14	0.06
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Refrigeration Indust.	83.45	73.57	9.88
Gulf Cables	109.73	109.73	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	71.11	48.89	22.22
Sector Index	30.00	28.35	1.66
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	166.32	162.00	4.32
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	64.65	66.67	-2.02
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	34.99	34.99	—
Mobile Telephone Syst.	280.95	247.62	33.33
Sector Index	63.57	50.50	13.07
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	48.41	48.41	—
United Fisheries	9.21	9.92	-0.71
Kuwait United Poultry	83.61	83.61	—
Kuwait Food Co.	68.97	68.97	—
Sector Index	42.26	42.51	-0.24
Overall Index	37.82	36.58	1.26
Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	Wednesday 22/03/89	Wednesday 15/03/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	144.74	144.74	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	89.66	88.28	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	98.71	98.71	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	86.67	81.90	4.76
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	50.00	50.00	—
Umm Al Quain Cement	16.87	16.87	—
Gulf Medical Projects	20.83	20.83	—
Total Index	71.49	70.08	1.41



## Currency rates

KUWAIT, March 25, (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28893	0.29008
Sterling	0.496672	0.499514
Dm.	0.154096	0.155039
S. fr.	0.177367	0.178399
F. fr.	0.045500	0.045753
It. fr.	0.0002090	0.0002110
Jap yen	0.002200	0.002215
Bh. dinar	0.76609	0.769743
UAE dh.	0.078631	0.079008

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	9-1/16	9-9/16
3 months	9-1/8	9-9/16
6 months	9-3/16	9-11/16
1 year	9-1/4	9-11/16

## Oil firms achieve unique foothold Arab refining capacity expands

UNTIL recently, the Arab refining industry was characterised by a rapid expansion in production capacity the OPEC monthly bulletin has pointed out. The industry's total capacity rose from 106 million tons in 1970 to 280 million tons in 1988. The bulk of this expansion was in response to the growth in Arab consumption of oil products during the 1970s, when it averaged 15 per cent per annum.

This growth in demand was attributable principally to the economic and social progress experienced in the Arab region and the installation of infrastructure necessary for the development of economic activities.

Another factor was the relatively low local prices of energy in general and oil products in particular, since the latter constitute the main source of commercial energy in the Arab world.

Moreover, the expansion of Arab refining capacity reflects the desire of Arab countries to increase the proportion of their oil exported in the form of refined oil products. The promotion of oil product exports now forms an integral part of the marketing strategy of several Arab producers. A number of Arab national oil companies have already achieved a significant foothold in the international market and seek to increase their share in the world oil products trade still further.

Today Arab domestic consumption of oil products is equivalent to half of the primary distillation capacity of existing Arab refineries. It has reached this level despite the drop in the growth rate of demand to less than a third of what it was during the 1970s. Were Arab refining capacity to remain as it is now until the end of the century, it

would barely meet forecast aggregate Arab consumption at that time.

This situation calls for the adoption of workable plans aimed at maintaining the necessary balance between the expected requirements of domestic Arab markets and export requirements.

The implementation of these plans at an early date is essential if the objective to maintain and increase the present share of the Arab refining industry in the world oil products trade is to be fulfilled. This needs to be done in conjunction with other measures to enhance the complementarity of Arab economies with those abroad.

Considering the long lead time required to plan and implement new refining projects — possibly as long as ten years — the urgency of drawing up such plans cannot be overstated.

## Jordan seeks accord with IMF on debt rescheduling

AMMAN, March 25, (Agencies): Jordan hopes to reach agreement with the IMF within two weeks on rescheduling its foreign debt. Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai was quoted as saying today.

"An exploratory mission from the International Monetary Fund is now in Amman and official talks still start on March 28," he told BBC radio's Arabic service in an interview, also carried by Jordan's official news agency Petra.

"We hope to reach agreement on debt rescheduling within the next two weeks to enable us to deal with the situation we are facing," Rifai said.

Central Bank officials have said Jordan will also request a standby credit from the IMF, but have set no figure.

A World Bank team, with IMF observers, visited Amman last month to discuss a possible structural adjustment loan.

Approval

Rifai, who has said Jordan's civil and military debt amounts to \$6 billion, dismissed the idea that the IMF would link approval of a rescheduling plan with tough terms.

"If the IMF agrees to reschedule the debt, there will be no economic conditions from the IMF on the Jordanian government," he said. "The Jordanian government has taken all the corrective measures needed to restructure the Jordanian economy."

Meanwhile, Jordanian heir apparent Prince Hassan Ibn Talal today hailed the effective role played by Arab financing institutions to the process of socio-economic development and Arab economic integration.

The Jordanian victory also complained that inter-Arab trade was marginal, with total exports accounting for less than seven per cent and overall imports representing a mere 11 per cent of total Arab exchange.

He told an opening session here of five Arab development funds that their meeting comes at a crucial juncture in the history of joint Arab action and marks the beginning of a new Arab stage characterised by lesser domination from foreign aggression and occupation forces.

## Austerity measures played

## Li speech draws sharp criticism

BEIJING, March 25, (Reuters):

China's Premier Li Peng came under fire today from parliamentary delegates who are angry over government policies they called vague, misguided and out of control.

With unusual frankness, delegates at the annual session of the National People's Congress criticised the premier's keynote speech that called on Monday for several years of austerity to slow China's worst inflation rate for 40 years.

"I don't think measures to scale down capital construction mentioned in the report are specific," the official New China News Agency quoted one delegate as saying.

Li said in his speech that economic growth had to be slowed as part of a drive to check inflation that last year hit 18.5 per cent, its highest level since 1949.

Western diplomats have said the criticism of Li, a favourite of party hardliners, may be an attempt to show that responsibility for setbacks should be shared by members of the leadership.

Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang, a key ally of architect of reform Deng Xiaoping, has come under fire for economic failures. Diplomats said the attacks on Li's policies may be designed to deflect some of the

pressure from Zhao.

The strong criticism followed two days of reports in the official media of failures in policies linked to the premier.

Deng yesterday was quoted as saying neglect of education was the government's biggest mistake of the last 10 years. Li was the former head of the State Education Commission.

Today, the media quoted a delegate of a parliamentary consulting body who was critical of a huge hydroelectric power plant, often seen as the premier's pet project.

Several delegates from the People's Liberation Army, normally a staunch supporter of party directives, said Li's speech was weak on measures to improve social morality, according to the official news agency.

Fickle

Other delegates said China's policies were too fickle and one asked why communist leaders did not seem to practice what they preached.

Teacher Xu Yaqi complained that few young people wanted to become teachers.

"She then asked why leaders who claim to care about education don't urge their own children to become teachers instead of engaging in commercial activities," the official agency said.

## Female work-force grows

TOKYO, March 25, (AP): Government efforts to eliminate sex discrimination have given women chances to get better jobs, but inequality remains and many women choose to stay home and be housewives, according to a government report today.

The number of working women in Japan rose to 17 million by 1988, roughly 40 per cent of the total workforce, according to the prime minister's office report released every four years.

In 1985, housewives made up 34.4 per cent of all women over age 15.

Though conditions have improved since the equal-opportunity employment law was implemented in 1981, more than 63 per cent of all working women who responded to a government survey in 1987 complained of unequal treatment, the report said.

"We have abandoned by last year all the restrictions imposed against female applicants for government agency positions," said prime minister's office official Kiyoko Fujii.

But she acknowledged few women get responsible positions in management or as specialists, and said there were only 29 women representatives in the 764-member parliament.

Many private companies have started providing equal opportunities for female job-seekers, but women face discrimination in promotions, pay and working conditions, she said.

For example, many companies give what they call "general position" examinations to women. The test is the only way for female employees to apply for the same job conditions and promotion status as male workers.

The test does not violate the 1981 law because it involves promotion, not hiring, Fujii said.

Lack of child care facilities at workplaces also is a big obstacle for mothers who want to keep working.

"Many companies don't allow mothers to bring their children to work," she said.

In a 30-minute video presented by the prime minister's office at a news conference on Friday, several career women with responsible positions were introduced.

## Governments urged to lend more funds to Third World

Brady's debt plan hailed

WASHINGTON, March 25, (AP): An international banking organisation has urged the governments of the creditor nations to play a greater role in resolving Third World's \$1.2-trillion debt burden.

The appeal was made by Horst Schulmann, managing director of the Institute of International Finance, in a letter to H. Ono Ruding, chairman of the International Monetary Fund's interim committee, and to B.T.G. Chidzero, chairman of the Development Committee, a joint body of the fund and the World Bank.

"Governments of the creditor countries must play a greater role in resolving the problems of the indebted countries," he said.

Call

The Washington-based organisation represents banks in leading financial countries which have loaned heavily to the Third World.

US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady will be the key figure at a meeting of 151 governments that starts next week. The meeting is expected to concentrate on the debt problem. It will be a regular joint session of the governments which own the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

man for the World Bank, endorsed Schulmann's call for more aid from governments.

"We'd be very happy if the governments came through with more aid," Brannigan said yesterday. "We've been urging them and supporting that, and they've been doing it for the poorest countries in Africa."

Schulmann praised Brady's speech of March 10, which emphasised reduction of the debts owed to the banks.

Praised

"Secretary Brady drew attention to the need to combine voluntary debt and debt service reduction with an ongoing flow of new financing," he said.

"However, many commentators have placed undue priority on debt and debt service reduction. ... voluntary debt and debt service reduction by banks alone will not provide an adequate flow of resources unless it is accompanied by new lending from official and private creditors."

Schulmann praised the government of Venezuela, where rioting last month against reduced subsidies killed more than 250 people.

"Venezuela ... is removing distortions through unification of its exchange rate system and by elimination of key subsidies," Schulmann said.

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Bankers to discuss their financial position

## Arabs to plan strategy for EEC's '92 market

AMMAN, March 25, (Reuters): Arab nations, concerned that they might be squeezed out of European markets, have set up a committee to plan strategy before the European Economic Community's unified internal market in 1992.

A spokesman for the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) said today that central bank governors and bankers from the 21-nation Arab League agreed at a meeting in Amman on the need to discuss their trade and financial position in view of 1992.

The Arab world relies heavily on the EEC for trade and investment and bankers are worried Arab states will have less access to the EEC market with no internal barriers to trade and capital flows.

The spokesman said AMF chief Abdullah Al Quwaiz proposed that the committee include himself for the AMF, Arab League Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs Abdul Hassan Zalzala, and officials from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Tunisia.

The three countries represent one nation from each of the major Arab economic blocs — the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC), and the Arab Maghreb Union.

No details were given on when and where the committee would meet.

An example of the worries is GCC concern at continued EEC tariffs on petrochemical exports. No solution is yet in sight.

The alternative to exporting straight to the EEC is to invest directly in EEC refining and marketing outlets but GCC states have said they felt resistance to such investment.

Britain's order to Kuwait last year to halve its stake in British Petroleum to under 10 per cent for reasons of national security sent a shiver through the Arab investment world.

The GCC was also concerned that its banking interests should not be harmed in the community after 1992 by losing out to big financial consortiums which are taking shape within the EEC.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, and Bahrain have 30 to 40 per cent of their trade with the EEC.

## Dollar continues to derive support from rate position

THE week commenced with the dollar rising in expectation of higher US interest rates which also caused the Dow Jones to fall a significant 29.64 to 2,262.50 following the sharper than expected increase in producer prices last week. Central bank intervention capped the dollar's rise holding it below DM1.88. However, data released this week provided evidence of slower growth in the US economy easing pressure on interest rates short-term, according to NBK's weekly market report.

Consumer prices increased less than anticipated although it was felt that the producer price rise had not yet worked through to the retail stage. In addition, durable goods orders fell for the second successive month in February causing the bond and equity markets to rally slightly and pushing the dollar below the DM1.87 level.

The dollar ended the week softer at: Yen 130.7 and DM1.86.

Consumer Price Index rose a slightly lower than expected 0.4 per cent in February following a 0.6 per cent increase in January. The CPI has risen at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.1 per cent so far this year compared with gains of 4.4 per cent in 1988 and 1987.

Real Earnings fell 0.6 per cent in February after a revised 0.2 per cent January increase. This was marginally greater than forecast and is down 1.3 per cent on the February 1988 level.

Durable Orders declined 3.6 per cent in February following a revised 2.9 per cent fall in January and a 7.4 per cent increase in December. This drop contrasted significantly with forecasts of a 0.4 per cent increase.

Durable Shipments fell 2.5 per cent in February compared to a 0.4 per cent fall in January and a 3.6 per cent rise in December. This fall was also greater than the market anticipated.

**Nervousness**  
Inflationary fears appear to have eased temporarily following this week's figures but there is still a danger of relying on one or two sets of economic statistics to formulate a trend. Durable goods orders, for example, are notoriously volatile and hard to interpret.

Recognising the markets' nervousness which is likely to persist for the near future and the recessionary implications of even higher interest rates, the Federal Reserve is likely for the interim to apply a "wait and see" attitude to policy. However, further

monetary restraint and subsequent higher interest rates will be inevitable if inflationary pressure becomes sufficiently evident. The short bond and equity markets will correspondingly be adversely affected.

The dollar will continue to derive support from the interest rate position and further advances are anticipated. Leading indicators together with personal income figures due out next week are likely to offer further evidence of the underlying economic trend as the markets are currently receiving mixed signals. "We expect indicators to come in softer."

Trading ranges for the coming week are: Y128-132 and DM1.84-1.88.

In UK, there were few data releases this week and trading was subdued ahead of the holiday weekend. As expected the retail price figure for February was poor being mainly the result of higher house mortgage interest payments. However, the unexpectedly large slowdown in February leading the fall in the narrow money supply confirmed that the 13 per cent interest rate level is contributing to a cooling down of the economy.

The pound has remained relatively steady improving against a weaker dollar whilst the equity market has been erratic

affected by a combination of adverse international and domestic factors with the FTSE 100 share index falling by almost 30 points to 2,045 over the week.

The pound ended the week at: DM3.21 and £/\$1.72.

### Forecasts

MO (narrow money measure) virtually in line with market forecasts fall a provisional, seasonally adjusted 0.6 per cent in February which was unchanged from January and represented at 6.6 per cent increase for the twelve months to February. The government in its budget last week set a MO growth target for the fiscal year ending March 1990 of 1-5 per cent.

M4 increased 1.9 per cent in February compared with a 0.7 per cent rise in January equivalent to an 18.5 per cent increase for the 12 months to February.

M4 Bank/Building Society Lending rose £4.7 billion in February well below the £6.8 billion increase in January. This was approximately £1 billion lower than most city forecasts.

Retail Price Index (Britain's main inflation measure) rose 0.7 per cent in February as expected giving an annual growth rate of 7.8 per cent.

KUWAIT						
BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	130000	7
GULF BANK	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	70000	3
COMMERCIAL BK	0.270	0.265	0.265	0.265	150000	3
AHLI BANK	0.285	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.W.E.	0.345	---	---	---	---	---
K.W.E.B.	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	22400	1
BURJAN BANK	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.260	110000	3
K.F.HOUSE	0.430	0.425	0.425	0.425	100000	2
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KWT INV. CO.	0.140	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.104	---	---	---	---	---
CON.FACILITIES	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
AHLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.056	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KWT	0.092	---	---	---	---	---
NATIONAL INV.	0.072	---	---	---	---	---
KWT PROJECTS	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	80000	1
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KWT INSURANCE	0.700	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.360	---	---	---	---	---
AHLIAH INS. CO.	0.560	---	---	---	---	---
MARBA INS. CO.	0.340	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
KWT R.EST. CO.	0.138	---	---	---	---	---
UNI R.EST. CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
NAT R.EST. CO.	0.192	---	---	---	---	---
SALHAH R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
NAT IND. CO.	0.550	---	---	---	---	---
KWT M.P. IND.	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
KWT CEMENT CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.380	---	---	---	---	---
N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	0.970	---	---	---	---	---
K.PH.IND. CO.	0.160	---	---	---	---	---
CONT.MARINE	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
K.SW.REP.CO	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.C. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
KWT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	120000	3
COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.076	---	---	---	---	---
MOBILE TELE.	0.295	0.290	0.295	0.290	450000	15
KWT COMPUTER	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.238	---	---	---	---	---
UNTD FISHERIES	0.130	---	---	---	---	---
UNTD POULTRY	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
KWT FOODS	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KWT SECTOR						
BHM.INTER.BK	0.065	---	---	---	---	---
BHM.M.EAST.BK	0.052	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.091	0.089	0.092	0.089	720000	13
A.G.INV.GROP.	0.033	---	---	---	---	---
FIRST.GULF BK	0.550	---	---	---	---	---
BHM.KUM.GROP	0.078	---	---	---	---	---
GULF MEDICAL	0.053	---	---	---	---	---
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
GULF INTL INS.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
R.K.WHITE CMNT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
AJMAN CEMENT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-FUJAIRAH CEMT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
D-GULF CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---

AMMAN						
	OPNG	CLS				
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.90	1.93				
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.97	1.98				
ARAB BANK	141.2	144.7				
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.65	4.62				
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41				
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.06				
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.54	0.51				
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.25	1.23				
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.90	0.89				
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.35	2.30				
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.43	0.45				
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	3.02	3.03				
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.98	0.98				
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---				
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65				
BANK OF JORDAN	15.30	15.30				
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITNA	1.00	1.00				
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95				
CATRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	EC				
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25				
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.53	0.54				
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.	2.48	2.40				
DARCO/INVT/HOUS.	0.80	0.79				
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71				
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.60				
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63				
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.35	1.27				
GENERAL MINING.	2.20	2.10				
HIMMEH MINERALS	0.75	0.75				
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44				
IND/MATCH JEMCO	0.70	0.70				
INDSTRI DEVLPT BHK	1.60	1.60				
INDSTRI/COM/AGR.	1.62	1.60				
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75				
INTERCOM/INV	0.13	0.13				
IRBIT ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90				
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64				
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.69	1.73				
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80				
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29				
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	20.00	EB				
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.96	1.95				
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05				
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.53	1.53				
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22				
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.01	1.01				
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30				
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.40	2.36				
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20				
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83				
JOR LIT. BRICK	0.23	0.22				
JOR MAHAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50				
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.55	2.55				
JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.75	3.60				
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.50	3.50				
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.79	1.78				
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72				
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40				
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.99	0.98				
JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11				
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.74	2.74				
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.92	1.95				
JOR WORSTED MLL	5.60	5.40				
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.97	0.93				
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.85	7.90				
JOR.FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45				
JOR.INV.FIN.CORP.	2.41	2.44				
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.38	0.37				
JORDAN DAIRY	0.97	0.98				
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.29	1.29				
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95				
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.54	3.50				
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	2.05	2.04				
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.45	1.45				
JORDAN TANNING	2.01	2.01				
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.74	0.75				
NACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	0.79	0.79				
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73				
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11				
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.80	0.76				
MIDDEL EAST INS	1.98	1.98				
MINERALS RESEARCH	2.01	2.10				
NAT.FIN.INVEST CO	0.74	0.75				
NAT/CABEL/WIRE/MF	1.67	1.75				
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NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97	0.99				
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## Bangladesh steadily marching ahead



K.M. Shehabuddin, Ambassador of Bangladesh

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I, on behalf of my countrymen and myself, pay glowing tribute to the valiant martyrs of the great glorious War of Independence and pray for the salvation of their souls.

Our Independence Day is not a day of mere rejoicing. It is also a day of taking a fresh vow to fulfil the dreams of the martyrs and to make our hard earned independence truly and equally meaningful to all segments of our people.

The protracted War of Independence which we waged as well directed for attaining economic emancipation for our people. Our main objective was to establish an exploitation-free, happy, prosperous, just and democratic society.

During the last seven years we have been relentlessly striving to that end. As a result of our concerted move new momentum has been generated in the realm of socio-economic development.

This is evident from the bold strides we are making both in agriculture and industry. A favourable climate for investment has been created and incentives are being provided to the private sector.

Side by side various pro-people reforms have been initiated to change the lot of the toiling masses and essential infrastructures are being assiduously built to propel self-sustaining growth.

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Bangladesh now occupies a position of honour and respect in the comity of nations. We have endeavoured to promote wider bilateral, regional and international co-operation to accelerate our development process. We believe in the policy of friendship and co-operation to all and malice towards none for attaining lasting and meaningful peace based on equity and justice.

I have firm faith that we have vast potential and if we persevere steadfastly victory shall no doubt be ours.

Bangladeshis living abroad are our ambassadors of goodwill and amity. I hope they will continue to play their constructive role in further rejuvenating the economy of the country and in projecting the country to the world at large in its true perspective.

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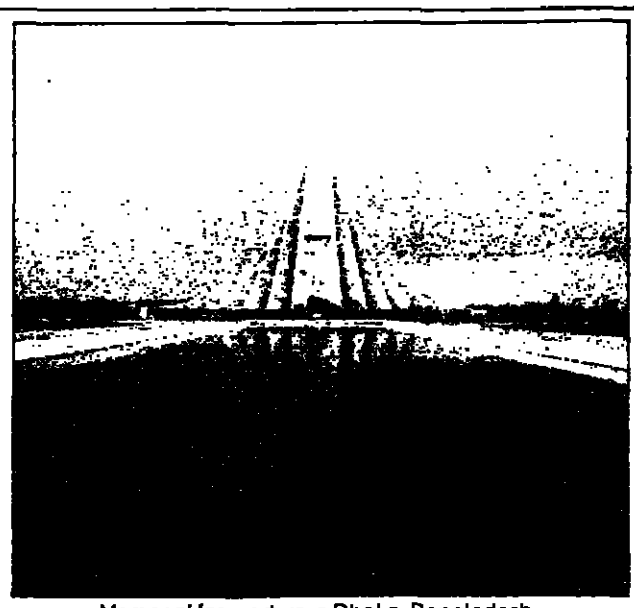
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Memorial for martyrs in Dhaka, Bangladesh

## Toward Light

Only scenes of suffering come in turns  
One by one  
Sometimes a sky of accumulated agonies descends  
I want to wipe out with my two hands  
I wish the sufferings were forever lost  
In the distant past left far behind  
Yet only agonies reappear in succession  
Cyclones come and fierce flow of flood waters  
Blowing off trees, foliage, hearth and home  
A pall of despair, like fallen leaves,  
Engulfs the wide canopy of heavens—  
Everything is swept away by violent deluge  
I find everything drifting far away.  
Amid all this sordidness still  
The sun rises at dawn  
The lute hums sweet melody  
Arrives the glorious Victory Day  
At our doors, in our yards  
A promise and new dreams stir again  
The martyrs' faces race again in turns  
A new life calls like the roaring sea  
We build life afresh  
Move from darkness toward light.  
A montage of misery appears again and again  
We build a new life  
On the steps of recurring pain.

(Translation of an original Bengali poem by H.M. Ershad)

## Image of respect, honour abroad



Anisul Islam Mahmud, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

FOREIGN MINISTER'S message to Bangladeshis on Independence Day

I WISH to convey my sincerest felicitations to all my countrymen at home and abroad on this occasion of the 18th Anniversary of our Independence, and our National Day.

This day is also a day of remembrance as we recall with deep gratitude the supreme sacrifices made by the valiant sons of the soil who laid down their lives so that we may live in a land of our own in freedom and dignity.

I join you all in paying the highest tribute to the martyrs of our war of independence.

The preceding year was a year of unsurpassed challenge for the nation brought about by floods of immense magnitude followed by a devastating cyclone and tidal wave which almost left tottering the economic base of the country and its infrastructure.

However, fortitude and forbearance of our people, their resilience, courage and unity rallied at the critical period to overcome the devastating impacts of the natural disasters and imbued the nation with the promise of new life.

The dynamic and inspiring leadership given by President Hussain Muhammad Ershad made possible the defusion of the crisis and smooth progress towards recovery.

A National Disaster Prevention Council has been formed under his chairmanship to expedite reconstruction and rehabilitation. A unique step was taken with the establishment of a Debt Settlement Board to free our poor peasantry from any further hardship.

An investment board was also formed to attract foreign investment and simplify investment procedures. We are committed to eradicate poverty and ensuring social justice. It is now our hope that Bangladeshis living abroad, as in the past, would come forth in future too, to generously contribute towards the nation's development and progress.

Our flood disaster management efforts have been lauded and appreciated by all abroad. As you are aware, nearly all countries and international bodies including the UN have come in big way to assist us.

The positive international response testifies adequately of the effective success of our foreign policy. In our foreign relations we continue to remain ever vigilant to defend our sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

In the international political arena we have continued to retain a deservedly earned image of respect and honour amongst the comity of nations. The continued appreciation and success of our foreign policy greatly depends upon the initiatives and good work of our citizens living abroad.

I wish all my countrymen success and happiness.

(Anisul Islam Mahmud)  
Foreign Minister, Bangladesh.



Cox's Bazar sea beach

Asia's youngest state

## Land of infinite variety

BANGLADESH is Asia's youngest state. Yet its history and heritage goes back to the time immemorial.

Lying 23° North and 90° East, Bangladesh is a part of the great Gangetic delta, the cradle of many ancient civilizations. To the north of this largest deltaic region in the world lie the foothills of the mighty Himalayan range and to the south is the clean but often turbulent Bay of Bengal.

The country is bordered by India on almost three sides and by Burma on the east.

Mostly comprising flat plains interspersed with small hills in the south-east and crisscrossed by an intricate network of rivers and rivulets, Bangladesh is very lucky to possess one of the richest, fertile soils, thanks to the alluvium brought in almost every year by the seasonal floods, usually caused by the often violent monsoons.

This rich soil supports lush green crop lands, the mainstay of her agricultural economy as well as dense, luxuriant tropical forests such as the famous Sundarbans, haunt of the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger and a variety of other species of wildlife and birds. The Sundarbans are indeed what the Bangla name suggests "the beautiful forest".

The people of Bangladesh, known as Bangladeshis, are a simple, peace-loving and hard-working type who represent a fine blend of several races—an amalgam of an Australo-Asian race with a sprinkling of Dravidians from western India and stray groups of intrepid Aryans who came in over the centuries from Central Asia.

The beauty of Bangladesh lies as much in its people, their customs and traditions as it does in its picturesque panorama of natural beauty. Mighty rivers, serene lakes, rich forests and miles and miles of quiet, undulating countryside, bathed in green or the brilliant gold of rich harvests, can captivate the imagination of all and sundry.

Nature's bounties are plentiful: fertile soil, abundant water and sunshine and mineral resources including natural gas; and so are nature's vagaries. The monsoons visit the country with abundant rainfall and often in their wake leave trails of devastation—floods, cyclones, tidal bores. Perhaps that is how the elements have thrown up challenges to the people and hardened their natural resilience.

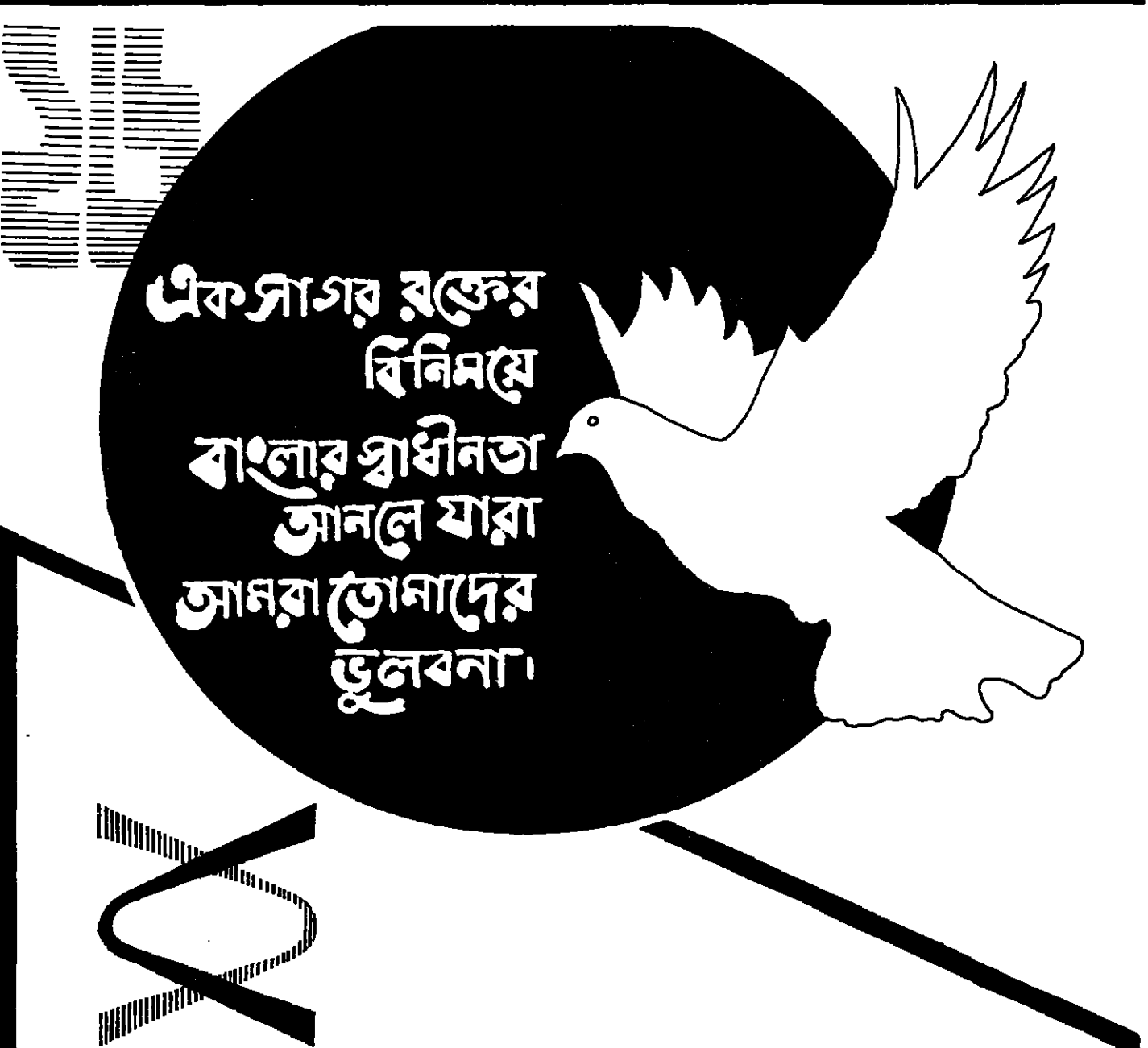
One of the most densely populated countries in the world with more than a hundred million people, Bangladesh is inhabited by a homogeneous people who speak Bangla, a language rich in its nuances and famous around the world for its literature.

Dhaka, the capital city with a population of about four million, is the epitome of the country itself. With a national museum, a Mughal fort, memorials for martyrs, some splendid mosques (the city is known as the City of Mosques), old bazaars, an ancient capital at nearby Sonargaon, a Buddhist monastery dating from the 7th century AD, landmarks of modern architecture and a rich variety of cottage crafts from rural Bangladesh. There is plenty to see in this capital city of Bangladesh. Dhaka is also the hub of communications with road, rail and air services linking it to all parts of the country.

Chittagong is the country's sea port city and well connected with Dhaka by air, road and rail. It is the gateway to the scenic Hill Tracts, the land of the tribes, and to the world's longest natural sea beach at Cox's Bazar.

Rangamati, near Chittagong, is set against the backdrop of exquisite Kaptai lake—265 square miles of crystal water formed by the Karnaphuli Dam.

The climate is tropical.



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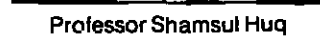
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## SAARC: creative interaction in South Asia



The nature and degree of such turbulence and violence depended on a complex web of wide ranging factors including domestic problems, perceived

**The SAARC: Progress**  
In the regional political setting of South Asia, the formal launching of the SAARC at its first summit in Dhaka in December, 1985, was an important landmark in the tumultuous history of the



Benefits from regional co-operation are, therefore, expected to accrue in the long term. Besides, in the special regio-political setting of South Asia, the leaders very prudently opted for a modest programme and did not expect

(ii) **Creation of a South Asian Food Security Reserve (SAFSR) with an initial stock of 200,000 tons of food grains. Its importance can hardly be**

(vi) The recent ratification of the "Convention for the Suppression of Terrorism" is another landmark achievement in a violence-ridden region. The measure is likely to contribute significantly to peace and stability in the region through co-operation among the member states in combating acts of terrorism and subversion, thus, adding an important political component to the SAARC programme.

(vii) The agreement of the SAARC leaders reached at the first summit on consultations with a view to formulation of a concerted action on issues of common interest to the region in the international fora is expected to fill a long felt vacuum.

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"Long live Kuwait-Bangladesh  
amity."

**Message of Ambassador  
of Bangladesh, K.M. She-  
habuddin**

**Hangar complex:** Several developmental projects have also been initiated by the present govt: This is being



**Training Centre has been completed near Zia International Airport at a cost of Taka 12.65 crore with**



**Main office building construction:** A plan for the construction of Biman headquarters is currently under way at a cost of taka 18 crore near the Zia International Airport. The headquarters will house all the departments of Biman now scattered at Motijheel and Zia to enable better and co-ordinated management.

*We extend our best wishes to all Bangladeshi nationals, expatriates and our Kuwaiti friends on the occasion of our*

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# Opportunities for foreign investors

BANGLADESH at its present stage of economic development needs and welcomes foreign capital to accelerate the pace of industrial growth.

Realising the importance of private initiative as the key to economic success the government has initiated a gradual transformation of policy over recent years. Liberal measures have been adopted to promote and encourage the private sector to infuse a new sense of dynamism and direction to it.

The Industrial Policy - 1986 relies greatly on private initiative and accordingly fiscal and other incentives are being provided to private entrepreneurs. This policy has been further liberalised recently with regard to foreign investment. No prior approval of the Government for foreign investment in joint venture is required if the total project cost does not exceed TK 100.00 million (US\$ 3.3 million approx.) and if the foreign equity participation does not exceed 40 per cent.

Joint Venture companies with capital of up to Taka 10.00 million need not issue public shares, for those above this amount, it is also not required at the initial stage.

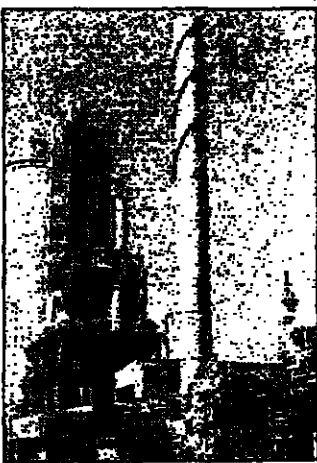
Joint Venture projects not falling under the aforesaid conditions require prior Government approval. Applications in prescribed form would be received in the near future by the Board of Investment (BOI) for appraisal and decisions will be given expeditiously.

Approval of foreign investment projects by the BOI will be on one-window service basis, that is to say, all facilities required to implement a project (company registration, land, utilities, import permits) shall be included in the approval letter. Post investment services and facilities shall also be provided by BOI.

Foreign Private Investment in Bangladesh is protected by



At work in a telephone factory.



An industrial plant.



Raw jute — the mainstay of the Bangladesh economy

the Foreign Private Investment (Promotion and Protection) Act, 1980 which provides guarantees against nationalisation without proper compensation and ensures fair and equitable treatment.

Repatriation of capital invested including capital gains, remittance of post-tax dividend on foreign capital and remittance of approved royalty, technical assistance and technical know-how fees

are also allowed as per existing policy of the Government.

**Export Processing Zone**

The Export Processing Zone in Chittagong provides the necessary fiscal and infrastructural facilities (such as, duty free imports of capital goods, raw materials, duty free exports, factory building, ware-house, roads, power, water, telecommunication, etc.) for export-oriented enterprises. Foreign

investment to the extent of 100 per cent of ownership is allowed in Export Processing Zone. Another Export Processing Zone will soon be set up at Dhaka near the international airport.

**Stock Exchange**

The Stock Exchange Market provides services for purchase and sale of shares, securities, debentures and underwriting of public limited

companies to enable industries to augment capital requirements.

Government provides fiscal and monetary incentives and other infrastructural facilities to the Foreign Investors. To promote industrial development in the country, tax holidays to the extent of 5 to 12 years are allowed based on the location of newly established industries.

Concessional rates of import duty are allowed for import of capital machinery for industries ranging from 2.5 per cent to 20 per cent on the basis of the locality of the industry.

Payment of a nominal 2.5 per cent import duty on capital machinery is allowed for export oriented industries, selected industries using 70 per cent or more indigenous raw materials and industries set up in Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) estates irrespective of location.

Credit facilities may be available up to 90 per cent of the value of irrevocable letter of credit from any nationalised commercial banks for export. Facilities at long term credit in local currency from Development Financial Institutions (DFI) are available with liberal debt-equity ratio and rate of interest.

Tariff protection is provided to the deserving industries. An Investment Assistance unit in the Department of Industries provide necessary services for processing of projects, acquisition of land, arrangement of power gas and water connection etc. Under the supervision of a High Powered Facilities Board consisting of top level representatives of the concerned Ministries/Agencies.

An indicative list of priority sectors where investment will be encouraged in Bangladesh includes Chemical, Engineering, Textiles, food and Allied Products and misc. items such as Sports goods.

## Bangladesh foreign policy: issues and challenges

By Anisul Islam Mahmud,  
Foreign Minister  
of Bangladesh

A NATION'S foreign policy is governed by a number of factors, some constant, some variable. While the constants can be said to be the factors of geography and history, the variable ones, which are equally important, are the internal conditions and realities of the global and regional geo-political-economic environment.

Bangladesh emerged as an independent state in 1971 in a complex international political and economic scenario. The back-drop of the conceptual framework of Bangladesh's foreign policy has been our long struggle for liberation and war of independence.

The indelible experience which gave birth to free and independent Bangladesh, has brought in the philosophical ingredients — our opposition to war, oppression, discrimination and inequality and our support for peace, freedom, justice, human rights and development — in the formulation of our foreign policy. This has been very eloquently reflected in the Constitution of Bangladesh.

Our history of liberation struggle, our political and social ethos and our national culture do also have a bearing on the nature of the foreign policy of our country. Our belief in the democratic institutions, our tradition of equity and tolerance and our Islamic heritage have much to do with our relations with the Non-Aligned Movement, the Commonwealth and the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.

In the context of these determinants, the objectives of Bangladesh's foreign policy is to safeguard our sovereignty and territorial integrity, to make friends with other nations of the world, to enhance the national image and prestige of Bangladesh abroad and to help accelerate the process of socio-economic development of the country and its people. It is, of

'The narrow resource base of the country both financial and material dictates vigorous initiatives on the part of Bangladesh in its relation with other countries to attract foreign assistance and investments, to expand trade, to export manpower and to protect its economic interests as a least developed country.'

course, needless to say that the attainment of these objectives and their implementation are also influenced by the determining factors that I have mentioned earlier.

At this point, it would be worthwhile to underscore that our narrow resource base and vulnerable economic condition force us to restrict and constrain the operational aspects of foreign policy.

Such a situation has guided us to stress on two avenues to bring greater effectiveness in our foreign relations.

Firstly, we have emphasised the greater importance of multilateral diplomacy in attaining our foreign policy objectives. We believe that a developing country in Bangladesh's position stands to benefit immensely by strengthening its all-round participation in multilateral forums. We believe that effective multilateral diplomacy can also go a long way in meeting our national security interests.

From an operational point view, Bangladesh has, therefore, made it a point to play a prominent and constructive role at the United Nations and other multilateral forums. The other avenue through

which we have used to overcome much of our constraints regarding representations abroad is to establish contacts at the head of state or government and ministerial levels with various countries of the world to pursue our foreign policy objectives.

As I have referred to earlier, the economic power of the country and its resource base has considerable influence on Bangladesh's foreign policy. The need for extensive external support for our national development efforts has prompted us to develop close relations with, if I may say, more well-endowed countries. These countries also provide the opportunities for markets of our exportable products.

The narrow resource base of the country, both financial and material, dictates vigorous initiatives on the part of Bangladesh in its relations with other countries to attract foreign assistance and investments, to expand trade, to export manpower and to protect and promote its economic interests, as a least developed country.

These objectives have also found reflection in Bangladesh's initiatives at various sub-regional, regional and global forums. The main objective in floating the idea of SAARC has been to promote greater economic co-operation in the region, thereby bringing not only economic benefits to its peoples but also political dividends.

The issues and challenges pertaining to foreign policy making are also multi-dimensional in nature. With continuing changes in international political and economic scenario which are again by themselves dynamic nations are faced with new challenges and opportunities. In this context there is obviously an imperative need for sustained rethinking and objective analysis of the parameters and new variables affecting a country's external relations. What is critically needed is independent, objective, pragmatic and well-judged policy inputs.

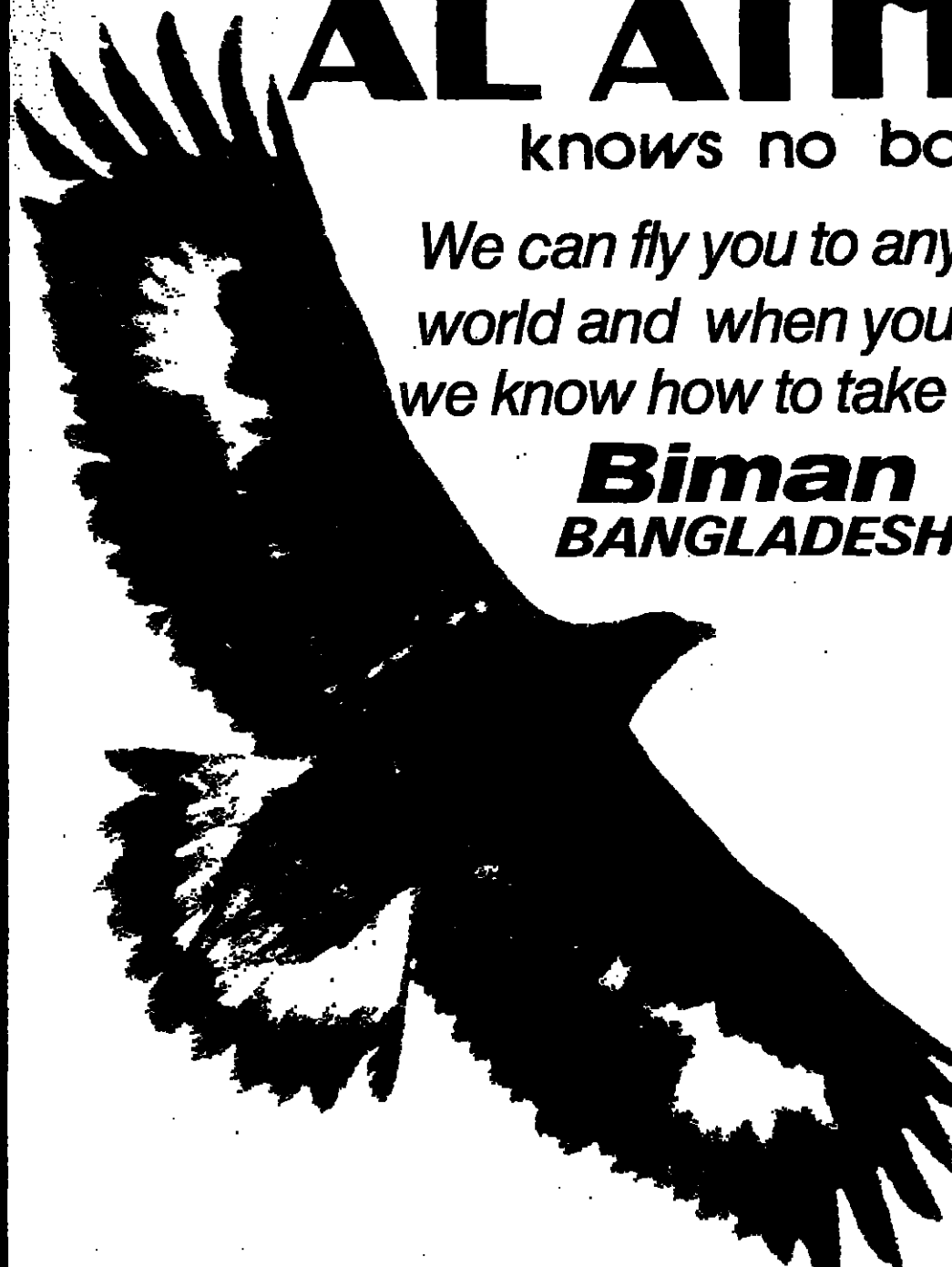
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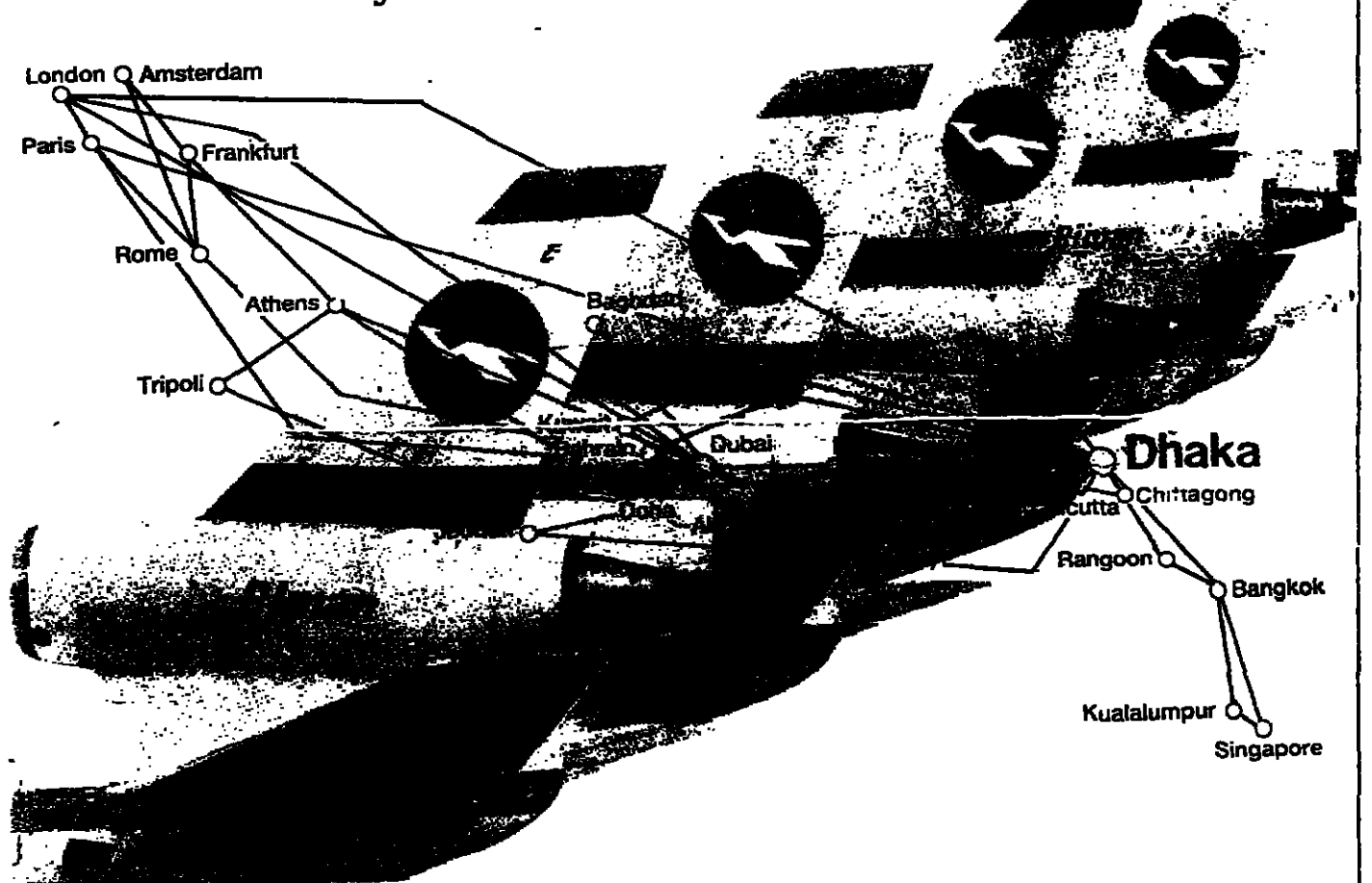
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# Sisters in royalty, showbiz: just how do they get along?



A young Princess Elizabeth (right) with baby sister Princess Margaret.



Singing trio: The Beverley Sisters



Sarah Ferguson, later Duchess of York, with her sister Jane.



Showbiz sisters Joan and Jackie Collins



Princess Diana (right) was a bridesmaid at the wedding of her sister Lady Sarah, six years her senior.

By Alan Graham

WHAT are the secrets of the sisters in the spotlight — the rich and the famous and the royal? Do some of them hate each other, or is it that they refuse to speak about each other to protect their privacy?

Author Jane Dowdeswell spent months delving behind the headlines to discover the truth about those sisterly bonds.

Princess Diana, she says, is devoted to her two elder sisters. So much so, that when Lady Sarah, six years Diana's senior, was dating Prince Charles, the young Diana would carefully cut out all the stories about them in the newspaper gossip columns and paste them in a cuttings book.

## Cupid

Then she and her other sister Jane, four years her senior, would giggle over stories like "Who is the tall, beautiful, willowy girl seen with the Prince at Sandringham?"

Little did Diana realise, of course, that within a few years, SHE would be the willowy blonde to whom newspapers were devoting acres of space, and that Lady Sarah would be saying proudly: "Diana will make a wonderful Princess of Wales. They will be very good for each other."

The elder Spencer girl also played cupid for sister Jane. When Jane's engagement to Robert Fellowes was announced, she is reported to have said: "We have been trying to trap him for years!"

The closeness of the Spencer sisters is just one of many relationships examined by Jane Dowdeswell in her new book *Sisters on Sisters*.

She also cites the Duchess of York. Her sister Jane lives on the other side of the world in Australia, but they still consider themselves the best of friends and are constantly telephoning each other.

An hour before Sarah's engagement to Prince Andrew was announced officially, Sarah was on the phone to Jane, bubbling with excitement about it all. And Jane's son Seamus was one of the page boys at the Yorks' wedding.

After hundreds of interviews, Jane Dowdeswell concludes that while sisters might not always get on well, a unique bond exists between them, whatever their differences. Sisterhood, she says, is a more special relationship than brotherhood.

She writes: "Women enjoy the closeness of a sibling relationship much more than men do." It seems that such closeness in

the early years is not forgotten even though different lifestyles and long distances separate sisters.

Naturally, the most famous showbiz sisters — Joan and Jackie Collins — are included in the book.

Joan recalls pinpointing exactly when she stopped being "daddy's little darling." It was the day Jackie was born.

And Jackie recalls how she always expected Joan to cover up for her and was livid when Joan didn't warn her that their mother had found Jackie's diary. This contained details of how she used to sneak out of the house to go to parties when her parents thought she was tucked up in bed.

Jane Dowdeswell writes: "It's tough being a famous sister. If she says she doesn't want to talk about her sister, it is assumed there must be bad feelings between them. In truth, she might just be extending her privilege to some privacy."

## Jealous

"Some people who have read Joan Collins' autobiography have concluded she must be jealous of her sister Jackie who is only referred to in a few fleeting passages. Her very absence causes curiosity."

"In fact, it was Jackie Collins who in 1960, when still trying to become an actress, said she was

changing her name because she was sick and tired of being known as Joan Collins' sister."

"But when she had stopped acting and started on her writing career, the 'little sister' label went away and in its place 'success'."

As Joan has pointed out, the odds against two English sisters becoming so successful in America must be billions to one. Now that they are in the public eye, they share a pact not to comment on each other.

But that doesn't stop newspapers reporting on a "sisterly feud" which the sisters have stopped bothering to deny. They are, in fact, very close.

The relationship between the Queen and Princess Margaret is one of the most interesting — and most poignant. Margaret has always lagged behind her big sister — right from the days when she used to chase the future Queen on her tricycle along the corridors of Buckingham Palace shouting: "Wait for me, Lilibet! Wait for me!"

It was Princess Elizabeth, older by nearly five years, who explained to Margaret the abdication of their uncle David and the fact that their father was to become King. She also explained how she, Elizabeth, was in line to become Queen. Margaret was said to have told a friend: "Now I am nothing."

Margaret was still only 20 by the time her elder sister was already married with two children, Charles and Anne. Margaret began to feel quite aimless and their lives went off at a tangent, the younger sister taking to night life rather than family life.

## Happy

But the sisters' childhood together was happy, despite the fact that because of their position it was difficult for them to make friends outside their immediate family.

Both girls loved dressing up for charades and taking part in pantomimes at Windsor Castle. Margaret was the more inventive, creating a character called "cousin Halifax" whom she blamed if she was late for her lessons.

They played together with a collection of toy horses and pretended to be horses by taking it in turns to put on a jangling harness and pull one another around the garden paths.

They had fights, too, pinching, punching and kicking each other. "I never won," Margaret was to recall. Elizabeth, though, was always protective towards her sister where others were concerned and Sir James Barrie, author of Peter Pan, remarked on Princess Elizabeth's pride in Margaret whenever she won a

game. There is a similar spirit between Margaret Thatcher and her older sister Muriel Cullen. Yet their lifestyles could not be more different.

While Thatcher wakes up at No. 10 Downing Street to face a day of meeting leaders to decide such issues as nuclear disarmament and monetary policies, sister Muriel awakes at her farmhouse near Harwich, Essex to help husband Billy run the farm.

Yet both sisters are built in the same mould — healthy, hardworking, happily married and successful in what they are doing. And Thatcher has said that she is glad of the knowledge that sister Muriel is right behind her.

The pregnant Sarah Keays was similarly comforted at the time her relationship with British Government Minister Cecil Parkinson became public knowledge.

It was younger sister Flora who protected Sarah from the inquisitive and it was she who made the statement that Sarah and Cecil had shared "a deep and meaningful relationship and not a cheap, flimsy affair."

Flora and Sarah's twin sister Elizabeth were with Sarah when she gave birth to her daughter so it is hardly surprising that Sarah called her baby Flora Elizabeth. Parents too can influence sis-

terly relationships. The Beverley Sisters, for instance, credit their mother for their long lasting singing success. She brought up the three girls as a team, instilling in them a real sisterly spirit.

Jealousy, she told them, was one of the greatest wreckers of happiness and she would say to them: "A little less I and a little more WE, please."

It is interesting, too, how personality traits are revealed at an early age. For example, the girl who was to become the cool, well-organised Princess Grace of Monaco played with her sisters' dolls so that her own would always be in tip top condition.

## Animosity

Sometimes, of course, personality differences between sisters result in long-term feud. The best known example is that between sisters Joan Fontaine and Olivia de Havilland. They spent most of their childhood arguing and fighting and their intense rivalry spilled over into their acting careers.

Joan was the first of the sisters to win an Oscar and she recalls that when her name was announced she was so struck dumb that Olivia, sitting opposite her, ordered her loudly: "Get up there! Get up there!"

Joan, recalled: "All the animosity we'd felt about each

other as children came rushing back — the hair pullings, the savage wrestling matches and the time Olivia broke my collar bone."

"My paralysis at the ceremony was total. I felt aged four again, being confronted by my older sister."

"It was a bitter-sweet moment. I was appalled that I had won over my sister."

In a chapter discussing the special bond between twin sisters, Jane Dowdeswell highlights some of the more off-beat cases.

There was the driving examiner who thought he was going crazy when he passed a girl in the morning and what appeared to be the same girl turned up for her test in the afternoon.

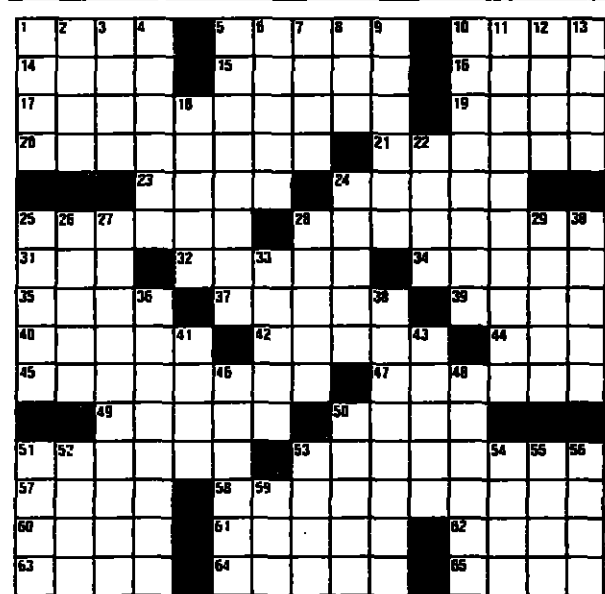
Twins in Arizona made headlines twice — two years running they both gave birth on the same day.

Identical twin girls married identical twin boys on the same day, went on honeymoon together and moved into flats next door to each other.

And when inseparable triplets married in a triple ceremony, one of them said: "Tonight will be the first time we girls haven't all slept together!"

Sisters On Sisters is published by Thorsons Grapevine at £4.99.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Feeling of remorse
- 5 Part of GNP
- 10 Robert the Bruce, e.g.
- 14 Youskivich of ballet fame
- 15 The street in Paris
- 16 Tom, Dick and Harry, e.g.
- 17 Imperial Valley city
- 19 Grating sound
- 20 Circus equipment
- 21 Ancient Egyptians (unique)
- 23 New Haven students
- 24 Yves world
- 25 Neg
- 28 Joker
- 31 Single
- 32 Actress Eve
- 34 Chou
- 35 Money in Mecca
- 37 Did a cobbler's job
- 39 So long
- 40 Part of a sandal
- 42 Honors
- 44 Oater star Maynard
- 45 English painter and art critic
- 47 Publisher Murdoch
- 49 Linden trees
- 50 Mutt and Jeff, e.g.
- 51 Nervous disorder
- 53 Port of Spain's island
- 57 Hawkeye state
- 58 Suspension bridge over the Arkansas
- 60 Virginia —

### DOWN

- 61 Pastor's place
- 62 Unusual
- 63 Miscomputes
- 64 Tarzan, to 44
- 65 Give in exchange
- 1 Ancient Briton
- 2 Seaweed
- 3 Piano piece for Lopez
- 4 Beels
- 5 Glass setters
- 6 Regards
- 7 Hockey great Bobby et al.
- 8 — genres (unique)
- 9 Add spice
- 10 Vociferous
- 11 — National Park in the Cascades
- 12 Same feeder
- 13 Playthings
- 18 Capital of old Macedonia
- 22 Pot starter
- 24 Impressionist painter
- 25 See 64 Across
- 26 Winter Loos
- 27 Chicago landmark
- 28 Misrepresent
- 29 Trencherman
- 30 Laughing
- 33 Waterfront locations
- 36 Quarterback's options
- 38 Came off the track
- 41 Bend for a ballerina
- 43 Taking to court
- 46 Frightens
- 48 Monastery men
- 50 Green chalcidony
- 51 — perdue: casting process
- 52 Garden worker
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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 BEATON ADEN  
 ART PLAYERPIANO  
 BAUM IRIS ADLER  
 ETRE SINK CLEAT  
 LOAN TAGS KEEPS

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ATTACK THE DANGER HAND

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ 9 5  
 ♥ Q 10 7  
 ♦ K 7 4  
 ♣ A J 10 6 3

WEST

♠ K J 6 4 3  
 ♥ A 9 8  
 ♦ J 3 2  
 ♣ 5 4

EAST

♠ 10 7 2  
 ♥ 6 5 4 2  
 ♦ Q 10 9 6  
 ♣ K 7

SOUTH

♠ A Q 8  
 ♥ K J 3  
 ♦ A 8 5  
 ♣ Q 9 8 2

The bidding:

South West North East  
 1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass  
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♣

Most declarers have a natural tendency to go after their long suit first. That's fine and dandy if it yields enough tricks to make your contract. If not, other considerations could apply.

The auction was a matter of simple arithmetic. With a balanced hand, a fair five-card minor and no slam interest, North was quite correct in raising to three no trump instead of responding three clubs.

West led his fourth-best spade, and East's ten was taken by the queen. Declarer tried the club finesse. In with the king, East returned a spade. Declarer held up one round, but his ace was forced out on the next round. Declarer had only eight tricks. When he tried to set up a heart trick, West grabbed the ace and cashed two more spade tricks for a one-trick set.

Had declarer realized that he would not have enough tricks for his contract were the club finesse to fail, he might have found the winning line. He must first attack the entry to the danger hand—in this case, West. Suppose that, at trick two, declarer were to lead the king of hearts. Should West hold up the ace, declarer can score two spade tricks, two diamonds and a heart, so he will need only four club tricks. He can then take the club finesse with impunity.

Best defense is for West to grab his ace of hearts and continue with spades. Now declarer must hold up the ace of spades for one round. When he then loses a club to East, either that defender would be out of spades or else the suit would be splitting 4-4. Either way, the contract would be secure.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will find it easier to create a pleasant atmosphere around yourself. You will meet someone much to your liking. You must avoid eating or drinking more than you know you should. Be sincere.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should avoid being vengeful. You will tend not to see the wood for the trees. Make sure you do not stay too long when invited. Be tactful.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

A small infection like a cold should not be neglected. Your lucky numbers are 38 and 3. The better influence of the Moon and Sun combined with that of Mars and Jupiter will help you get a lot of your way.



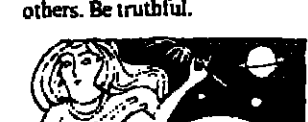
Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be better to face up to your responsibilities. Something you have been learning will begin to click into place. Do not expect others to be at your beck and call. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will not be in the best of moods and should take care not to offend anyone. Avoid eating as a means of relieving boredom. Think the best rather than the worst of others. Be truthful.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Makesure you make your meaning clear to those who need to know. You would do well to seek to show just a little more goodwill. Do not expect to learn skill out of a book practice. Be tolerant.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will not get what you feel you deserve, but think of how much less you could have got. Mars' better influence will help you to make the best of things. You should not dwell too much on the past. Be merciful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

The Moon's better influence coupled with that of Mercury will help you to sort out a personal problem. You will be able to do something to please your partner. Avoid eating so much that you put on weight. Be grateful.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Everything will seem to go wrong today, but in fact quite a few things will go right. You will be able to proceed a little more quickly than of late. Think a little longer before making up your mind, but not too long. Be generous.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You will tend to run out of patience rather too rapidly. You should be a little more prepared to listen to what others are saying. Do not live too much in the past. Be considerate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

The prospects are good but you will have to work hard too. Avoid delaying until tomorrow what you know should be done right away. Do not allow yourself to be intimidated. Be magnanimous.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to choose the right one between two alternatives. You must not spend money as though you had limitless quantities of it. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be forgiving.

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# IMF conditions may spark political unrest

Aquino warned on accepting harsh terms.

By Oscar Quiambao

ECONOMIC Planning Secretary Solita Monsod has warned President Aquino that the conditions imposed by the International Monetary Fund on a \$1.3 billion loan package could set back economic growth and spark political unrest.

In a letter dated March 10 to the president, Monsod said that under the IMF terms, the government would have to raise fuel prices as well as raise power, water and port service rates.

This would mean higher transport fares and food prices which, according to Monsod, the Aquino administration would find difficult to explain to the people.

Monsod's warning came in the wake of bloody rioting in heavily indebted Venezuela due to austerity measures imposed by the IMF.

At least 300 people were killed and 2,000 injured in the riots over high prices two weeks ago.

Monsod also said the government will likely fail to meet high IMF targets on tax collection. This, she said, means the govern-

ment would have to raise taxes as well as cut expenditures on basic services such as health and education.

Monsod said the IMF-imposed economic programme "contains stiff and heavy conditionalities" which, she added, would slow down economic growth and worsen unemployment.

She urged Aquino "to seek greater flexibility from the IMF through negotiations at the political level."

"If the programme has to be accepted, the government should be aware of all its pitfalls and implications, both economic

and political, so that the appropriate countermeasures can be planned for and executed," Monsod said in her four-page letter.

Monsod is the first known Cabinet secretary to express disagreement on the three-year economic programme Aquino has pledged to carry out in exchange for the IMF loan package.

IMF approval would pave the way for a new round of negotiations for \$1.6 billion in fresh loans from commercial banks and rescheduling of a more than \$1 billion in official debt.

## Co-operative helps destitutes

### A thread of hope for women

By Claro Cortes

MANILA, Philippines. (AP) Frenchwoman Marie De La Soudiere paces around a small, second-storey office, barking instructions and encouragement at about a dozen Filipino seamstresses in drill-sergeant style.

The seamstresses are among 40 women from impoverished squatter settlements who De La Soudiere organized last year into the Thread of Hope for Economic Advancement, or THEA, which manufactures and exports handmade nightgowns.

THEA's goal is to provide a decent livelihood for destitute women who cannot qualify for government jobs or who "fall through the cracks" of state welfare and assistance programmes.

It is among hundreds of co-operatives, most supported by foreign and local charity organizations, which provide jobs for thousands of Filipinos who otherwise face lives of abject poverty.

Roberto Villanueva, chairman of the Philippine Assistance Programme, says programmes go hand-in-hand with the government's attempt to spur the economy through state programmes and foreign assistance.

De La Soudiere, who worked with international relief organizations in Southeast Asia for

more than a decade, established THEA with \$2,000 of her own money and another 500 from a friend.

After a year in operation, the co-operative exports nightgowns under its own label to boutiques in the United States, Canada, Japan, France, Hong Kong, Spain and Australia. Plans call for expanding sales to Britain and New Zealand.

THEA sells its nightgowns to exporters for 12 to 30 dollars apiece, depending on the difficulty of the design. Seamstresses receive 4 to 6 dollars per garment, more than the state minimum daily wage of 3 dollars.

Money left over after buying raw materials and reimbursing De La Soudiere for her investment goes into a fund for community projects, such as artesian wells and a day-care centre for children of co-operative employees.

"With what I am earning here, I can start sending money to my husband in the province to buy materials to build our house, which was destroyed by a typhoon last year," said Fidela Pizarra, 58.

"I have been sewing on and off for 16 years but could not earn enough," she added. "Now I have a chance to earn more if I work a little bit harder."

De La Soudiere, who is

married to a United Nations official, said many such co-operatives fail because they do not produce quality products which can fetch high prices in foreign markets.

She said many co-operatives also rely too heavily on charity funding. When donations dry up, so do the co-operatives.

"I really want to establish THEA as a very well-made brand of lingerie, like Dior," she said. "Why not? Let's dream."

To avoid failure, De La Soudiere demands high standards. She lectures co-operative members on the need for quality and sound business practices. Garments with loose stitching or poorly ironed creases are sent back to the seamstress for repair.

"It's her way of showing she cares," said Delia Calanano, 41, who supervises cutting and sewing. "She is teaching us the value of time and meeting deadlines."

"She's a big help to us," added Helen Rodica, 32, a tiny mother of two. "She took me off begging in the streets. Now I can buy enough food for my family and medicine for my sick husband."

De La Soudiere expects to leave the Philippines in about six months when her husband is transferred. But she is optimistic the co-operative will survive under the management of the Filipinos she will leave behind.

## Philippines, USSR sign trade protocol

MOSCOW — Soviet and Philippine trade officials signed a protocol calling for a four-fold increase in trade between the two countries, Tass news agency reported.

Philippine Trade and Industry Secretary Jose Concepcion and Soviet Foreign Economic Relations Minister Konstantin Katusev signed the protocol, calling for trade to be boosted to \$90

million by 1992. Another agreement on economic, scientific and technical co-operation was slated to be signed.

Tass said a large delegation of businessmen and industrial officials accompanying Concepcion had toured various Soviet enterprises during a week-long visit.

## FLASSIK honours supporters

### Hello ... goodbye

AT a party held on March 10 at the Reception Hall of Al-Adnan Hotel, FLASSIK '89 bade goodbye to two pillars of the association, Mrs Josephine Docot Sinkinson, and Reverend Francis Jesus C. Gueco.

It was a well-attended occasion, and include FLASSIK advisers Consul Olive Palala, Cora Paras, FLASSIK friends and supporters and the hosts FLASSIK '89 officers who were very much at their wits end to please the visitors.

Father Jesse started things off with a prayer, followed by the opening remarks of FLASSIK President, Grace Covarrubias. An impromptu speech was delivered by Consul Olive Palala, who as eloquent as ever, expressed regret at such an early leave of Mrs Sinkinson and Fr Jesse, and wished them both good luck in their chosen endeavour.

Mrs Josephine Docot Sinkinson has been an active member and a leader of the Filipino community in Kuwait. During her 10 years in this country, her horizon has been filled with various civic activities and projects, that focused upon the upliftment of the welfare of her fellow countrymen, especially the less fortunate ones.

When the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait was founded in 1982, she was one of its enthusiastic founders. In spite of the demands of her job as Executive Secretary of the National Bank of Kuwait, she was able to serve as FLASSIK president for two terms, 1983 and 1984. Since then, she had always been an adviser of the association, until this year 1989, when she was again elected as the Director of Social and Cultural Affairs of FLASSIK.

But then, change is the only thing constant here on earth. Mrs Sinkinson and her husband, British engineer Ian Sinkinson, decided to establish their permanent home in London. She will be succeeded by Esther Madamba, a Medical technologist at Mubarak Hospital as the new Director of Social and Cultural Affairs.

Rev. Fr Jesus C. Gueco, fondly called Father Jesse, has been the "shepherd" of the Filipino community in Kuwait for more than two years. He reaches out to people, especially the Filipinos, with his spiritual guidance and counselling.

Until he joined the priesthood in 1971, at the age of 34, he had a clear glimpse and a good understanding of what life was outside his vocation and which probably makes him now a better man of his faith.

He socializes with his community, becomes a spiritual adviser of organizations like FLASSIK, accepts invitations and attends functions, and yet he stands out because of the beneficial quality of his personality.

In the farewell party hosted by FLASSIK '89, he said, "I am thankful for the existence of such an organization like FLASSIK, for its sacrifices it is offering for those less fortunate Filipinos, and for its goal of unity among the Filipinos here in Kuwait. I will be leaving Kuwait very soon, perhaps at the end of this month, and I hope that this organization will keep up the good work."

And just as sadness lingered in the atmosphere, there was also a feeling of gratitude in the heart of each FLASSIK officer towards their friends who were very supportive to the association. Gifts and certificates of appreciation were handed out to them.

Also in the party was Zeny Thomas, a Filipino nurse who underwent craniootomy at Al-Adnan Hospital and who had been given financial help by FLASSIK, as she was preparing to go back to the Philippines.

At the latter part of the party, excitement built up, and there was laughter and merriment everywhere, as parlour games were held, and everyone participated.

In other developments, FLASSIK is constantly visiting and following up cases of Filipino domestic helpers detained in different prison cells here in Kuwait. Food and clothing are distributed to these people through the efforts of FLASSIK.

With the Welfare Referral Programme of the FLASSIK, cases from different hospitals are being brought into the attention of the association. Hospital visitation is done and cases are being followed.

## Forthcoming Attraction

"You wanna dance your blues away, and win prizes with your sway?" Then join FLASSIK '89 "Barn Dance In Springtime" dance contest, on March 31, at 5pm, at the Holiday Inn, Al-Andalus Disco Club. Tickets are available at KD5.



One killed

## Barbers cut up over Marcoses return

EIGHT barbers fought with scissors and broken bottles during a drunken argument on whether or not to allow former President Ferdinand Marcos to return home, police said. One was killed and another seriously wounded.

Police investigator Alfredo Amores said the brawl took place hours after the eight barbers cut off from work late the previous night and proceeded to a restaurant in Malate's tourist district.

Amores said the eight barbers began discussing the issue of Marcos' return even before closing shop and continued the argument over bottles of beer in the nearby restaurant.

Amores said tempers flared during the discussion. Some of the barbers pulled out their scissors and started stabbing each other, while others grabbed beer bottles, broke them over the table and the jagged edges as weapons, he said.

"The fight was so confused that investigators were not able to determine who were in favour or against the return of Marcos, according to Amores.

One of the barbers died on the spot from multiple stab wounds while another was critically wounded, Amores said. One was arrested and is now in jail, but the five others escaped before the police arrived, he added.

## Something for everyone from KAPILKU

### Activities galore for Filipinos

#### Hotel and Restaurant Operations Class

ONE of KAPILKU's most ambitious projects this year will be the 4-week Hotel & Restaurant operations class starting on April 7 till May 5 from 1 pm to 3:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

The main objective of the project is to familiarize the participants, with the basic operations of the Hotel and Restaurant industry.

Homer Mesina, Vice-President for Media & External Affairs and the chairman of their project says that the class will be divided into two categories. The first one will cover the Hotel operations which will run from April 7 to 14. This will comprise topics in Rooms Division, Food & Beverages, General Information in Marketing/Advertising/Promotion/Sales and Purchasing. The Second Part will cover Concepts (Franchise & Local), Feasibility Study, Management Information System (MIS) and Operations.

For registration please contact Sarah Macarimbang on telephone 4843447. Last day for registration will be on or before April 4, 1989.

#### Baking & Cooking Classes

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their second and third classes on Friday, March 31 at Pulman Hotel. The baking class will be held from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the cooking class (Asian dishes) from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Ojie Olor, the executive chef of Pulman Hotel will handle the classes. With his expertise and five years experience in the Gulf, Olor will demonstrate new innovations in baking, like sponge mixing, cake fillings, icing preparations, cake decorations and other pastry techniques. Olor's professional experience in cooking will cover Asian Dishes: Filipino, Malaysian, Chinese & Vietnamese. New recipes will also be introduced for newly-wed couples.

For particulars and registration, please contact Ojie Olor, vice-president for welfare & special projects who is the chairman of these classes or Jojo Mediano, the vice chairman on telephone 5327023.

#### Palarong Pilipino — Mini Olympics '89

DEADLINE for submission of entries will be on or before March 31 and entries can be submitted to Teddy Dela Cruz, Attache, Philippine Embassy, he can be contacted on telephone numbers 2522034, 2524398 & 2521754, Freddie Fernando VP for Sports & Recreation and chairman of the Palaro or Willy Sabay, AVP & vice-chairman of Palaro may be contacted on tel 5624509

#### KAPILKU Night '89

The KAPILKU Night will be held on Friday, April 7 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Al Andalus from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Registration for Sing-Alike Contest and Bagong Kampeon contest must reach the organizers on or before April 5.

For Particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social & Cultural Affairs who is the chairman of the singing contest on telephone number 4843447, or Rod Cerezo on telephone No. 2433595 or Bong Pagutayao.

Entrance fee is KD2,000 (snacks and drinks). All participants are free of charge. The singing contest is being sponsored by Anak Restaurant.

#### Bayanihan '89

The get-together of KAPILKU will be held on Friday, April 21 at Church Hall from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome and admission free. T-shirts will be distributed to all KAPILKU members. For particulars, please contact Sarah on telephone number 4843447. The Bayanihan will be sponsored by Pinoy Restaurant.

#### Free classes, discounts, gifts and many more for KAPILKU members

The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapisanang Pilipino Sa Kuwait) have launched a membership drive by giving more incentives to the new members of the association.

Manny Inserto, KAPILKU President, said that various benefits will be given to all 1989 KAPILKU Yellow Card Holders to avail of free classes, and discounts from 1989 KAPILKU Restaurants and Cargo, gifts, special rates and many other incentives.

We are expecting to cover the whole market with a total of 40,000 Filipinos in Kuwait, before the end of this year for membership, Inserto said.

Effective, Sunday, March 26, the following establishments are offering special discounts and rates to all 1989 KAPILKU Members. Anak Restaurant 10 per cent Ambassador Stores 5 per cent (all items)

Hatid Ligaya — Abughosh Int'l (Philippines door to door service) 5 per cent (air & sea freights)

Boodai Aviation (Philippines door to door service) 5 per cent (air & sea freights)

Dollarco Exchange Co. Ltd. (Philippines Remittances) special rates

All Filipinos may secure the KAPILKU Cards from the following outlets. Philippine Embassy, Hatid Ligaya — Abughosh Int'l (Philippines Door to Door Service), Mabuhay Restaurant, Kabayan Restaurant, Anak Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Philippine Gifts Shop, Dollarco Exchange Co., Ltd. (Philippine Remittances) Pinoy Restaurant, Al-Widat Int'l Exchange Co. and Holiday Inn Hotel (Bowling Alley) or to Jimmy Tadana, Vice-President for membership who is the chairman of the membership campaign.

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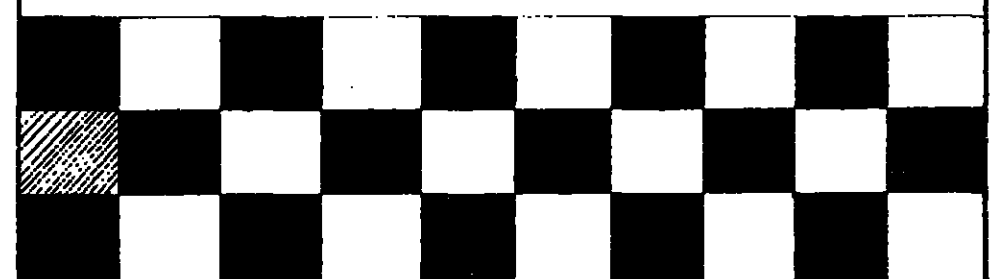
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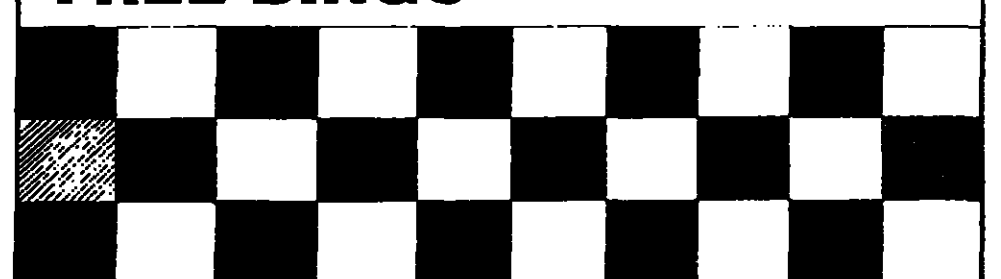
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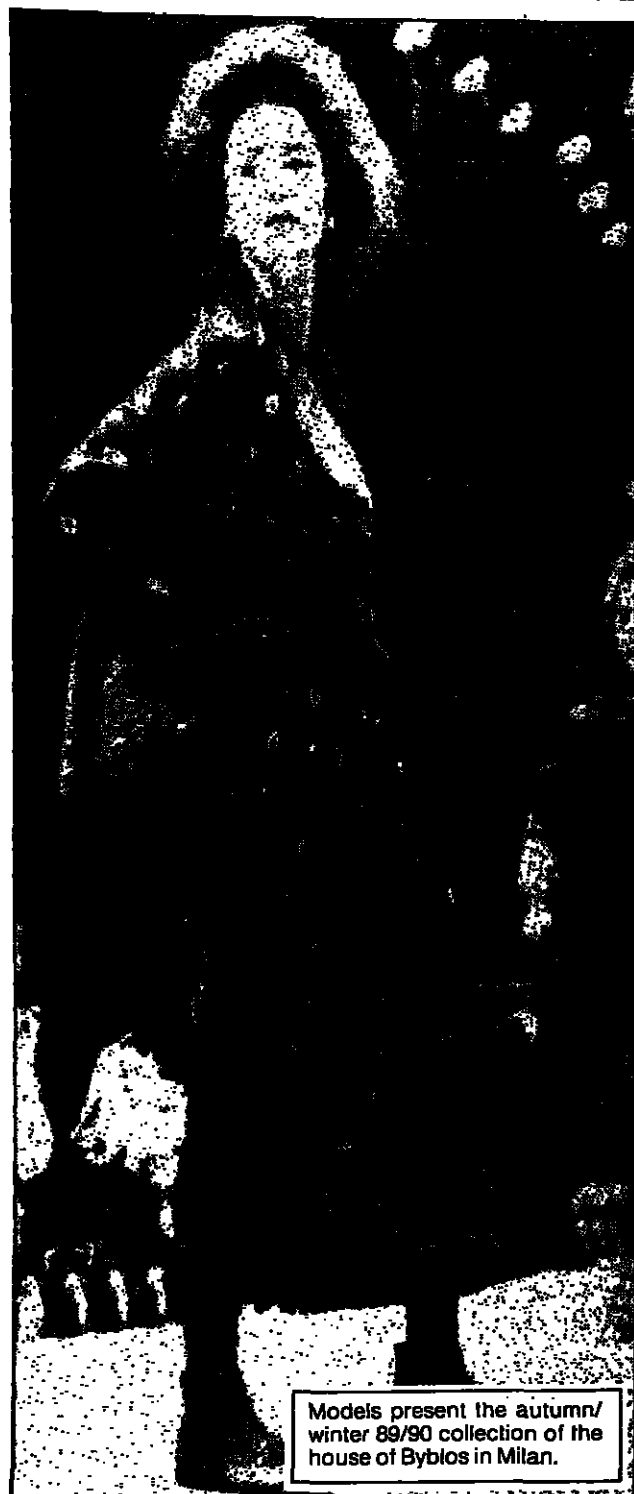
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card and copy card and filled in your name and address, send in your entries, by post, addressed to: Bingo, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat Kuwait. A surer alternative is to deliver by hand to the Arab Times, Al-Seyassah Building, Airport Road, Shuwaikh.





Models present the autumn/winter 89/90 collection of the house of Byblos in Milan.

The mood during the five-day Milan show of ready-to-wear collections has been relaxed as Italian fashion moves toward the 1990s.

Designers always have perked up their collections with bright shades. This season is particularly vivid with the favourite palette a fall scheme of pumpkin and tangerine, plum and grape, crimson and fuchsia, apple and moss green. A wide variety of yellows and blues also turn up, as well as gaily coloured prints.

Wear what you like, you'll still be in style

## A mixed bag from Milan

By Daniela Petroff

MILAN, Italy, (AP): The good news from the Milan winter runway, which kicks off a new fashion decade, is that women can wear what they like and still be in style.

No single trend or style emerged in this week's showings of the Italian ready-to-wear collections for the fall-winter 1989-90. Rather, it was a mixed fashion bag full of good-looking clothes, which don't require a perfect body.

Hemlines range from the thigh to the floor, skirts come in tight and loose versions, jackets tend to be short but can also be three-quarter, there are trousers for every taste and configuration, solid colours abound but so do plaid, floral and paisley prints.

In general the designers stay away from the sexy aggressiveness epitomized by the miniskirt — the Italian rage several seasons ago — to present a quieter, more casual style: dropped shoulders, long languid lines and completely flat footwear.

The colour scheme draws inspiration from

the shades of an autumn forest: brown, moss green, burnt yellow and berry blues and reds. Orange and fuchsia are the favourite shocking shades. Grey and black show up in every collection.

As always with Italian ready-to-wear these outfits are based on the good tailoring and beautiful fabrics which have become the trademark of the "moda Milanese" (Milan fashion).

Some say the designers put their pocket books before their creative talents in this latest round of collections.

But, according to Marjorie Deane, a US consultant who puts out her own fashion report, this is not necessarily a sin.

"Luxury Italian ready-to-wear is our best-seller," she said. "There might not be big news here, but it will be a very popular season. Women will feel good in these clothes, and why shouldn't they?"

The hottest item on the Milan winter runway is the coat, as big and cozy as possible with broad shawl collar and ample dropped sleeve, and a hemline which often grazes the floor.

Some coats have hoods others are worn with long wool or fur scarves.

Capes and three-quarter jackets also play heavily in the collections.

For the animal-lover, the designers offer fake furs made out of woolly synthetic fabrics to look like everything from sable to leopard. Fabric printed with animal spots and stripes is another ecologically minded option.

Some of the winter offerings of Italy's top ready-to-wear designers:

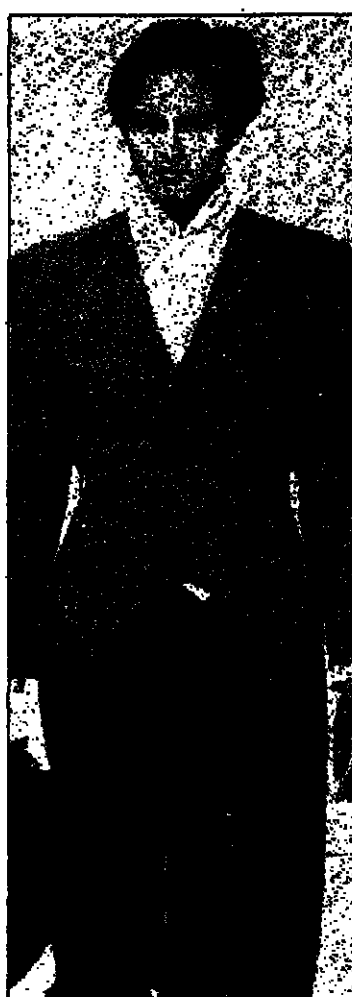
**Armani** — The curved hem, tulip-shaped skirt, floral printed silk quilted jackets, and a whole zoo of fun fake furs.

**Besle** — Chic tweedy daytime suits and beautiful white silk evening blouses.

**Biagetti** — Dresses in luxurious bunched and ruffled cashmere.

**Fendi** — Reversible furs where the leather side of the pelt, treated to look like polished cotton, becomes the outside of a sable coat as well as its lining.

**Mario Valentino** — Leather at its best in coats and jackets, some with punched-out suede collars to look like lace.



Armani's designs are marked by their easy lines and subtly innovative textures. From left, a side-wrapped jacket in soft tweed with velours trousers; side-fastening collarless jacket with scarf folded and crossed in neckline; striped velours jacket worn with kipper tie; single-breasted striped wool jacket with cuffed sleeves and pockets, cropped trousers and mannish hat.



Model wears baggy parachute-style trousers with pleats tightened up right below the knee under an A-shaped checker-board patterned coat with an oversized scarf in the place of a collar.

Rather than forcing outlandish ideas on a reluctant public for the sake of creativity, the Milanese designers, who presented their ready-to-wear collections for the fall-winter season last week, were content to tailor beautiful clothes in colours and styles that are attuned to the needs of women.

According to Italy's most flamboyant designer, Gianni Versace, as fashion embarks on a new decade there is a need for "looks more in keeping with the times."

## Arguments keep a marriage healthy

FORGET the idea of sweetness and light in the ideal marriage — having a good argument keeps a couple together.

And for those who need a little help in the art of conflict there's even a course to teach them how to fly off the handle in style.

The finding that good marriage fight training can halve the divorce rate comes in a new report which has had marriage guidance counsellors across America scratching their heads in amazement.

John Gottman, a psychologist at the University of Washington in Seattle and Lowell Krokoff, a psychologist at the University of Wisconsin analysed the emotional manoeuvres that couples used during arguments. Three years later they examined the same people to see how their marriages had fared.

The report, published in the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, divided the typical marriage argument into three phases, analysing the helpful and destructive side of each.

"We were puzzled to find that

### Beginning and end of a row

Dr Gottman's anatomy of a marital fight:

#### First Phase

Picking the fight and stating the agenda.

##### Helpful:

As they begin to disagree, one partner at least partly acknowledges the other's point of view with subtle clues such as listening carefully and nodding to show it has some validity.

##### Destructive:

Every complaint is matched by a complaint. No one gives an indication that there are counterpoints with some validity.

#### Second Phase

The argument in full swing.

##### Helpful:

At the most heated point one partner mind reads to realise how the other is feeling.

##### Destructive:

One partner mind reads inaccurately, making claims about what the other thinks or feels and then attacks the supposed feelings.

#### Third Phase

Negotiation or wind down.

##### Helpful:

Agree to compromise or modify views.

##### Destructive:

No accommodation by either side. Every argument is simply met with a counter argument.

some couples who were dissatisfied with their marriages reported

an improvement in relationships as time went on. It went

against all the prevailing wisdom," said Dr Gottman.

"Marital therapists rarely recommend that couples have a fight and rarely saw couples who wished to." The secret lay in the style of domestic dispute.

#### Fruitful

The most fruitful marriage rows were those in which the partners felt free to be angry and came to a compromise. The worst fights were those that employed destructive techniques.

At Denver University, Dr Howard Markman has taken the matter so seriously he is training couples in the skills needed to handle conflicts in relationships. He discovered in a six-year study that the divorce rate in a group of "trained" arguers was half that of ordinary couples.

The unfortunate side to it, however, is that the nice young couple next door who never say a harsh word are in for trouble. Dr Gottman added: "If something bad happens, they are too brittle to handle the problem."

By Gail Fitzer

JERUSALEM, (Reuters): Palestinian women are winning higher social status because of their vital, front-line role in a 15-month revolt in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Emerging from the shadows of conservative Arab society, they have become demonstrators and community organisers, though Palestinian feminists say there is a long way to go.

Israeli troops clashed with Palestinian women marking International Women's Day, a day early with marches in the West Bank towns of Ramallah, Hebron and Kalkilya.

In Ramallah soldiers arrested 17 women, forcing them into Army jeeps, and hit and kicked others who tried to stop them from making the arrests.

Troops fired rubber bullets to disperse the women and witnesses said at least three women were wounded. Al Haq, a Palestinian human rights organisation, said in a statement issued for International Women's Day that 28 women and girls have been killed by Israeli troops firing live, rubber or plastic bullets during demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza.

More than 500 Palestinian women have been arrested during the revolt and 18 have been jailed without trial, Al Haq said.

The Israeli Army does not keep separate casualty figures for women, a spokeswoman said. Troops had standing orders to avoid confrontations with women and children where possible, she added.

The total death toll in the uprising is 398 Palestinians and 16 Israelis.

Al Haq said "arrests are often followed by periods of interrogation marked by physical and psychological torture as well as sexual harassment."

"(Administrative) detentions have targeted activists in the Palestinian women's movement," it added.

It said many women had suffered fractured limbs and broken ribs from Israeli beatings.

Kamal said women played significant role in visiting the wounded and distributing food in towns and villages under curfew. Women are also active in first



A Palestinian woman cries as she is arrested by an Israeli policeman. Palestinian women are fighting shoulder-to-shoulder in the 15-month-old Intifada (uprising).

Palestinian women enjoy new political freedom

## Intifada improves status

aid, food, agriculture and teaching committees.

Hanan Mikhail Ashrawi, dean of the arts faculty at Bir Zeit University, said Palestinian women had become a more significant political force during the uprising, taking part in decision-making.

"The status of women has improved because they are visibly seen not only as participants but as being effective participants by taking initiatives and sustaining programmes."

Despite their new social importance, Palestinian women are still far from achieving equality in their traditional society.



Two masked Palestinian girls fight the Israelis with stones.

## I'm fine now — Liz

NEW YORK, (UPI): With her doctors being investigated for allegedly giving her too many prescription drugs, Elizabeth Taylor sought to quell speculation about her health by explaining she broke her back last summer and is being treated for the injury.

The film star, plagued by alcohol and drug dependency in the past, said in a statement through her New York spokesman that she entered the Betty Ford Clinic in Palm Springs, California, during a difficult recovery period.

### Speculation

"There's been significant speculation about my health," Taylor said. "The truth is that last summer I fractured my back — a compression fracture of the first lumbar vertebra. It has taken a long time to heal and even longer to learn to live with it."

She said while recovering, she entered the famed substance abuse clinic "for a brief period." She asserted, "I am fine now."

### Rumours

Taylor's stay at the clinic, which has treated celebrities including actor Chevy Chase, sparked rumours that she had slipped back into a pill-and-alcohol dependency that plagued her in the past.

The rumours were renewed by the announcement that Taylor's California doctors were under investigation by California authorities based on records showing she received prescriptions for large amounts of opiates, barbiturates and stimulants.



Liz Taylor: squashing rumours about her health

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## GOING PLACES

## Melodies from Sri Lanka

A ONE-DAY Sri Lankan music festival featuring old and new melodies will be held today at the Messilah Beach Hotel.

A 14-member Sri Lankan musical group arrived in Kuwait on Friday for the two performances at 3 pm and 6 pm. Music ranging from classical music to popular Sinhala and Tamil numbers will be presented by the well-known singers. Two upcoming singers, 12 year old Champa Kalhari and 11-year-old Ruwan Sri Lal Delpathadu will be the main draw. Champa and Sri Lal, who are considered to be teen-age heartthrobs, will sing Sinhala and Tamil songs.

A leading playback singer from Colombo, Latha Walpola, will present patriotic songs about unity in her country. Latha, who has given playback for more than 600 films during her four-decade career, revisits Kuwait on popular demand.

Other vocalists are Shakila Fernando, a television star, and Dasanaga Udawatte, a Baila singer who specialises in folk music.

The background music will be provided by the Super Seven troupe, led by Upali Sannasala. The other members of the group are Clifton Gunarardena (rhythm guitar), Chula Perera (bass guitar), I.M.S. Rienze (keyboard), Nimala Gamage (drummer), Rufas Silva (trumpet) and Karunadasa Hettiarachchi (saxophone).



Champa, Latha and Ruwan: three singers who will participate in today's Sri Lankan music festival

## Singing waters at Gulf fair

THE Chinese display an unending sense of history in most things they do, and nowhere perhaps is their penchant for antiquity so pronounced as during their trade shows abroad.

The Dalian Province of China now making its debut at the 13th Gulf International Fair '89 (GIF '89) currently on at the Sharjah Expo Centre, has also brought along a bit of history in the form of the famous Dragon Basin with its singing waters. The bronze basin called "Long Xi" is a treasured antique dating back to the Song dynasty (960-1279 A.D.) and the one on display at Expo Centre is the only existing replica of the original which is housed in a museum in Xian city of Shaanxi Province of China. A delegation from Shaanxi has last year brought to Expo replicas of the famous terracotta warriors and horse-driven chariot of Emperor Qin Shihuang of Chin Dynasty of three thousand years ago.

The basin has four dragons etched in relief on its inside bottom and they can be awakened with a sensitive touch to the vessel filled with water. "Gently rub your palms on the two handles on either side of the basin," says Zhao Jun, leader of the Chinese delegation. "And if they like your touch the 'dragons' will wake up singing and dancing in the water."

To prove his point before an incredulous crowd of onlookers Jun sits in front of the Dragon Basin and starts working its handles in gentle, measured strokes. Within minutes the basin begins to echo, hissing sounds akin to that of seals singing in deep ocean and the water erupts forth as if from



Jun makes music with the Long Xi Dragon Basin at the fair.

a fountain. The spectacle is incredible but true.

"The singing fountain can reach a crescendo as the human contact with the 'dragons' becomes intense," says Jun. The Dalian Marine company is also promoting a host of other equipment such as propellers, gearboxes and

navigational accessories. The rest of the China pavilion at GIF '89 is devoted to promoting a wide range of medical and pharmaceutical goods including microscopes, telescopes, wheel-chairs, laboratory equipment and herbal medicines. The fair is on till 7 April.

## Madness of love, sewers and cellars

OIL in Paris, civilisation? Bones and gizards? Mazurkas? Invisible dogs? Lost love? Sewers, cellars and cafes? Greed? The health of the feet? These and other questions will be answered by ACT's production of the Madwoman of Chailot which opens for a four-night run on March 27 at the Mousetrap Theatre, Jabriya.

The play, a comic fantasy with serious overtones, by French dramatist Jean Giraudoux explores the type of people modern society has created and the lengths they go to either destroy or preserve civilisation in the comic fantasy with serious overtones.



Anwar Ibrahim: film producer

## James Bond 'Duplicate'

INDIAN Anwar Ibrahim Arab was in Kuwait last week to talk to financiers about a Hindi Indo-Kuwaiti co-production entitled "The Duplicate."

The KD2.75 million movie will be financed by Kuwaiti Abdullah Al Otaibi and an Indian businessman Shaheen Khan, said Anwar Ibrahim, who has been associated with the Bombay film industry for more than 12 years.

If Anwar goes ahead with the planned Hindi film, top Indian film stars like Mithun Chakraborty and Meenakshi Sehathri may be spotted singing love duets on the Messilah Beach or on one of the flyovers. Anwar said Mithun and Meenakshi are expected to play the lead, with star cast that includes Hema Malini, Bindia Goswami and Swapna and others.

Anwar said: "I have already selected the spots for location shooting in Kuwait and hope to start filming by October."

He said his financiers will seek the necessary permission for location shooting in Kuwait. The film will, naturally, be shot in India too, he added.

The Hindi "James Bond" thriller movie has a double role for the leading man Mithun who is expected to play a spy who is not really a spy. How he prevents state secrets from fall-

ing into the hands of the enemy forms the rest of the story. Anwar said. Romance, an integral part of Hindi cinema, will be a sub-plot, with, of course, plenty of songs, dances and action. It will be directed by Narpinder Mohla.

Anwar, who was born in Kuwait, said it was his ambition to produce a film in this country and is keeping his fingers crossed to get the project off the ground.



Alain Briere (above) was recently appointed as the new regional director of sales and marketing for Meridien hotels in the Gulf and Middle East region. He is based in Abu Dhabi.

Briere studied hotel management in Paris and has extensive experience in the field of sales.



## Cultural evening

THE Shatadal Cultural Group, a Bangladeshi association, on Friday held a literary and cultural ceremony on the occasion of the Independence and National Day of Bangladesh. Dr Md. Roushan Ali and Dr Shawkat Jahan addressed the guests. The chief guest was Bangladeshi Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin. A musical programme was presented by members of the group. Above: some of the musicians who participated in the soiree.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Sultan Gallery**  
AN exhibition of paintings by Shaker Hussain will be held from March 28 at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St.

**Boushahri Gallery**  
GRAPHIC art by Bulgarian artists are on show at 6 pm at the gallery in Salmiya. It will be open daily from 9 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm, until March 28.

**Formative Arts Show**  
MARCH 26: A formative arts show will open at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery. More than 30 artists from 12 countries will display their work. It will be open to public from March 27, from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Saturday - Wednesday, 4.30 - 5.30 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT. - Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT. - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

## Sedu House

SAT. - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts.

## THEATRE

**ACT**  
MARCH 27, 28, 29, 30 (8 pm): ACT presents Jean Giraudoux' comic fantasy "The Madwoman of Chailot," directed by George Plutz, at Mousetrap Theatre, Jabriya. Reduced ticket price for opening night. For reservations call 5731782 (answerphone) or 5755391, 5-7 pm.

**Malayalam Drama**  
APRIL 7: Gayathi Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Karutha Paurami" at Indian Arts Circle. Written by Chandra Mohan and directed by Nandan Iringalakuda. For entry passes call 5643126.

## MUSIC

**Beat Concert**  
MARCH 31: Vishal Arts presents a beat concert featuring Symphony and Perfect Strangers from 10 am at the Sharq Co-operative Hall. At 6 pm the group will present a variety show with Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi music and folk dances. For details call Anthony D'Souza or Arjun Gehi. Tel: 2631826 or 2663693.

**Open-Air Concert**  
MARCH 31: Steve Michael with the Zambesi will feature in the "Peace and Love" concert at the Salmiya Club stadium. The show starts at 5 pm. Tickets are now available from Swan Lake, Salmiya/Kuwait City; No.1 records, Sultan Center, Salmiya.



● The Tunisian Ambassador to Kuwait Habib Kabbashi (third left) yesterday held a press conference to launch the Tunisian Festival at the Kuwait International Hotel. A fashion and musical show will be followed by dinner on March 26 and 27. The press conference was attended by Mohammad Najih from Kuwait Hotels Company and a number of officials from the Tunisian Tourist Board.

## CINEMA

**Iraqi Film Festival**  
AN Iraqi film festival is being held in Kuwait. It will continue till March 29. The following films will be shown:

March 26: Hub fi Baghdad (1986); director: Abdul Hadi Al Rawi; starring: Khalil Shawki, Susan Al Ali.  
March 28: Shay Min Al Quwwah, starring Miqdad

Abdul Rida, Khalil Shawki.  
March 29: Al Bail, starring Athar Khidr, Awatif Ibrahim. All films will be shown at 7.30 pm at the auditorium of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Children not permitted inside the auditorium.

## SOCIAL

**KAPILKU**  
MARCH 28 (8 pm): KAPILKU will hold an

officer's meeting. Topics to be discussed include Palarong Pilipino, baking and cooking classes, hotel and restaurant operations, KAPILKU night and Bayanihan.

**FLASSIK Barn Dance**  
MARCH 31: 5 pm: "Barn Dance in Spring" will be held by FLASSIK, the Filipino ladies association, at the Andalus Club, Holiday Inn Hotel. The highlight of the

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoon Serial  
10.00 Al Mubarrat: Arabic serial; featuring Mahmoud Saud, Ahmad Mazhar, Safiya Al Omari, Ahmad Maher  
11.00 Al Daktoor: Arabic serial. Starring: Hayat Al Fahad, Khalid Al Obaid, Tayeba Al Farah, Abdul Aziz Haddad  
12.00 That's Incredible  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite/Closedown

## EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Cartoon serial  
5.15 Tum Tek and Children  
6.00 Al Islam Wal Insaan: religious programme  
6.30 Songs and Music

7.00 News Summary  
7.15 Variety Show  
7.45 Poetry Session: Diwanayat Shuara Al Nabat  
8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Muhamiya: Arabic serial, featuring Firdous Abdul Hamid, Nabil Nur Al Din, Ahsan Qalawi, Ahmad Khamis, Zizi Mustafa  
10.45 Variety Show featuring Sunah Jamil, hosted by Mufeed Fawzi  
11.50 News Summary  
11.55 World News via Satellite  
12.20 Holy Quran/ Closedown

7.00 Scientific Eye: "Seeing and Believing."  
7.30 Just the Ten of Us: "First Day at School."  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Magnum: "Resolution." Starring: Tom Selleck  
9.40 Dive to Adventure: documentary  
10.00 What's Happening Now: "The Boss' Daughter" Starring: Larry Williams.  
10.30 Best-Seller: "A Dangerous Life." Part 2 of this series focusses on the snap polls called by Marcos and the alleged rigging.  
11.30 News Summary: Magazine. D'Accuallite: Holy Quran, Closedown

11.50 News Summary  
11.55 World News via Satellite  
12.20 Holy Quran/ Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial  
6.30 The Animal Express

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0000 Newslash  
30 Composer of the Month  
0100 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: 5th Kiron's Kingdom; 12th Perestroika; 19th Nightmare World; 26th Science Fiction  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The Picture of Dorian Gray  
30 The Ken Bruce Show  
0300 World News  
09 News About Britain  
15 From Our Own Correspondent  
30 Scenariplay  
0400 Newslash  
30 Sing Gospel  
45 World News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Financial Review  
40 Words of Faith  
45 Letter from America  
0600 Newslash  
30 Jazz for the Asking  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 From Our Own Correspondent  
45 Book Choice  
50 Waveguide  
0800 World News  
09 Words of Faith  
15 The Pleasure's Yours  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Nature Now  
30 Financial Review  
39 Book Choice

## English

0000 Opening  
0500 Songs and Music  
0830 News  
0940 Songs and Music  
0545 Daily Programme  
0900 Bands with a beat  
0930 Songs and Music  
1000 Our Press Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1030 Pick of the Pops  
1100 Closedown  
1330 News on FM Service

Evening  
2100 Opening  
2102 The Young Sound  
2130 News  
2145 Point of View  
2155 Songs and Music  
2200 The World of Sports  
2215 In the French Mood  
2245 Daily Programme  
2300 Top Songs Special  
2400 Closedown

## Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Behetren Qaul  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Ek Kayal Ek Geet  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Geet Kahani  
2100 Closedown

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Shaab Pharmacy  
Fahd Al Salem St.  
Al Talal Pharmacy  
Hilali St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Shamsan Pharmacy  
Ibn Khaldoun St.  
Salmiya and Rumaithiya  
Al Hiba Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St.  
Fahadhel and Ahmad  
Abu Halifa Pharmacy  
Coastal St.  
Jeeb Al Shiyyokh  
Al Wahran Pharmacy  
Block 14, Souk St.  
Jahra  
Al Khalid Pharmacy  
Opp. Co-operative Society

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Mission Terminates (Arabic)  
Al Salmiya  
Arabic play  
Al Hamra  
Al Majnoon (Arabic)  
Starring: Shahira, Hussein Sharbini, Issad Yunus  
Drive-in  
Amber Al Maut (Arabic)  
Starring: Noor Al Shareef, Alaf Shuaib  
Al Firdous  
Mohabbat (Hindi)  
Starring: Anil Kapoor, Vijeta Pandit  
Fahadhel Open-air  
Sajj (Hindi)  
Al Fahadhel  
August 1 (Malayalam)

## PRAYERS

Fajr 4.24 am  
Zuhri 11.54  
Asr 3.23 pm  
Maghreb 6.03  
Isha 7.21

## HOTELS

**At the Ramada**  
AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner, 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.  
Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arzz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.  
The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 pm to 11 pm.

**At Kuwait International**  
LA PALMA: Easter lunch and dinner buffet will be offered.  
Failaka: Arabian buffet every Thursday from 7.30 pm. Live entertainment by Soft Trio.  
Tunisian festival March 26 and 27, evenings.  
A Yugoslavian music group will present a recital on March 28 and 29.

March 27: a special fashion show by Frad Fashion House will be held for ladies at 4.30 pm.  
**At the Sheraton**  
JORDANIAN Festival: March 28, 29 and 31: The Royal Jordanian Folklore troupe will present dances, songs and Arab music. The troupe has performed in prestigious national and Arab music festivals. The performances will be followed by dinner. For reservations call the hotel ext. 104/107/109.

**At the Continental**  
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Dabbar, daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

**At Maharsa Palace Restaurant**  
A MEAT festival, promoting Indian cuisine, is being held until the end of March. Live music by Indian musicians.

**At the Pullman**  
ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shalal Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

## SPORTS

**Volleyball Tournament**  
MARCH 31: The Kuwait Malayalee Association will hold a volleyball tournament for Indians in connection with the Nehru Centenary celebrations. For details call Prem - 4675622 ext 293 (7 am - 3 pm).  
**Raft Race**  
The third Messilah Beach Hotel raft race will be held shortly. A Captains' meeting will be held at the hotel on April 4, 6.30 pm. For details call the hotel ext. 751.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



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SPORTS

# Blanchard breaks US swimming record twice

CHAPEL HILL, NC, March 25, (Reuters) Mary Ellen Blanchard, 15, of the United States twice broke the American record in the 100-yard breaststroke at the short course National Championships yesterday.

Blanchard broke the eight-old American record of Olympian Tracy Caulkins of the United States with a mark of one minute, 01.08 seconds in the morning preliminaries. The previous record was 1:01.13.

Eight hours later, Blanchard came back and broke her own record in 1:00.66.

It was Blanchard's third American record in three days. Wednesday Blanchard broke Caulkins' American record in the 200-yard breaststroke, shaving the previous record of 2:11.46 to 2:09.06.

**Record**  
"One American record I hoped for, but two? Then breaking my own record is more than I ever dreamed," Blanchard said. "I guess this was my coming out party."

Blanchard also won the 200-yard individual medley in 1:58.66.

Norbert Agb, 18, of Hungary won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:19.51. Agb was third in the 200-yard freestyle on Wednesday.

Olympic gold medalist Anthony Nesty, 21, of Surinam defeated world record holder Tamas Darnyi of Hungary in the 200-yard butterfly in 1:46.02. Darnyi, world record holder in the 200 and 400-metre individual medley, was a disappointing fifth in 1:47.64.

Nesty, ranked 15th in the world in the 200 butterfly was the Olympic gold medalist in the 100 butterfly in the 1988 Olympics. He was eighth in the 200 butterfly at Seoul.

"I'm still having trouble coming back after taking some time off," Nesty said. "It's been a bad year for me. I just want to start training strong again."

## KAPILKU bowling tournament

THE Association of Filigines in Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their first sports bowling tournament, the L&M Open Team Bowling Tournament, which will be held on Thursday, April 6 at Holiday Inn Hotel from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

All the teams for both divisions (men's and ladies) will play each other in one round robin games, during the elimination round. They will play a two-game series each in the elimination round. The first half of the team for both divisions will be classified in the championship round whereas the second half of the team will be under the consolation round.

The teams will play one game each to determine the placing in the final round for both championship and in the consolation rounds. However, the scores in previous rounds, that is the elimination is cumulative.

The top three in both divisions, that is, championship round and the consolation round will play separately in the step-ladder games to determine the champion in championship group and in the consolation group.

The winners in the championship group will receive three trophies each team plus valuable prizes from L&M while the winners in the consolation group will receive three medals each team plus prizes from L&M.

Early entries are Sompaguita (Philippine National Flower), Orchids, Hlang-Hlang, Rose, Everlasting and Chrysanthemum. Other Philippine flowers available are Waling-Waling, Rosal, Santan, Camia, Campupot, Cadena de Amor, Dahlia, Yellow Bell, Calachuchi, Hammin, Carnation and Boun-gavila.

Last day of registration on March 31 at 9.00 pm and entries can be forwarded to Oying or July at Holiday Inn Hotel on telephone number 4742000 bowling alley. Entrance fee K.D.5,000 for KAPILKU & PB&K members and K.D.6 for non-members.

**Sheraton bridge**  
RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Friday:  
1. Mesdari & Bayoumi  
2. Jacky & Abidin  
3. Qattan & Zazaari

RESULTS game held last Tuesday:  
N/5  
1. Mr & Mrs. Asfar  
2. Adham & Abdul Ghani  
3. Magdi Mesdari & Adel Bayoumi  
E/W  
1. Mohammed Merchant & Stanley Drezler  
2. Ibrahim Qattan & Dr Hassan Zaid  
3. Santosh Arora & K.T. Simon

# Connors advances to fourth round of Players Tennis

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. March 25, (Reuters) Fourth-seeded Jimmy Connors advanced to the fourth round of the rain soaked \$2.1 million International Players Tennis Championships with a 6-2 7-6 (7-4) 6-1 victory over Horst Skoff of Austria yesterday.

Second-seeded Chris Evert of the US overcame 20th seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France, and fourth-seeded Pam Shriver of the US outplayed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 7-5 6-2 in women's third round action.

Shriver used her big serve to pull away from Coetzer and take control of the match at 5-5 in the first set when she broke the South African with three winners and belted two service winners to close out the set.

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia struggled briefly against Italian Paolo Cane but advanced with a 7-5 6-0 6-4 into the fourth round.

**Won**  
Aaron Krickstein, seeded 10th, won his second five-set match of the week, beating Alexander Mironov of West Germany 4-6 6-1 6-2 6-7 (5-7) 7-6 (7-3) and eleven-seeded Emilio Sanchez controlled the ferocious groundstrokes of Sweden's Christian Bergstrom 4-6 7-5 6-3 6-3.

Connors, who endured several brief rain delays which had pushed his early afternoon match into the evening, raced through the first set against Skoff but dropped his serve twice to fall behind 0-3 in the second set.

Connors rallied to 4-5 with a service break in the fourth game and managed to break the Austrian with three backhand return winners in the tenth game to stay in the set and force a crucial tiebreak.

**Insults**  
The 29th seeded Skoff, who shouted insults at Connors when the American stopped to banter with the crowd, could not keep Connors away from the net in the tiebreak, as the American won five points from net approaches in winning the tiebreak 7-4.

Connors, who controlled the final set with four service breaks, pointed to his ability to come back in the second set as the key to his victory.

"He played quite well in the second set, but at 3-5 I stepped up to the plate and put a little more pace on my shots and took advantage of his serves. I got to the net a few times in the tiebreak and I don't think he liked that," Connors said.

The day's biggest upset was the defeat of ninth seeded Argentine Guillermo Perez-Roldan, beaten by his unseeded countryman

Eduardo Bengoechea 6-7 (4-7) 6-2 6-3 6-2. The second-round match was suspended due to darkness with Bengoechea ahead two sets to one.

Tenth seeded American, Aaron Krickstein, went the distance again before defeating unseeded West German qualifier, Alexander Mironov, in five sets. Mironov, ranked 290 double-faulted to give the 17th ranked American the victory.

Krickstein has won 14 of his 20 lifetime five-set matches. He is 5-0 in five-set matches over two years at the Key Biscayne event.

**Interrupted**  
The one hour and 52 minute contest between Lendl and Cane was interrupted once for a short rain shower after Lendl won the second set at love.

The Czech number one began confidently, taking a 4-2 lead in the first set, but Cane, who stayed with Lendl on the baseline returning the Czech's firepower, edged back to 4-4 with a break in the eighth game. Lendl regained control after a poor lob and a backhand error cost Cane a service break at 5-5, and Lendl served out the set 7-5 with a forehand volley.

The 67th-ranked Italian, with his long hair dyed black, was crushed 6-0 in the second set. Lendl served relentlessly to Cane's error-prone backhand.

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Connors hits a forehand back to his opponent Augustin Moreno during their US Open match. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Olympic venue for equestrian event to be decided later

BUDAPEST, March 25, (Reuters) Princess Anne said on Thursday there should be a decision this year on whether Barcelona could host the 1992 Olympic equestrian events after outbreaks of African horse sickness in Spain.

But Princess Anne, president of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), said the decision would not be taken before the end of this year's fly season, the most likely period for a re-infection.

"I think we have got to try and remain flexible about it," she told a news conference after a general assembly of the FEI.

"(But) we can only be flexible up to a point because anybody else who organises something like Olympic Games will certainly need two years' advance warning."

**Disease**  
The high contagious disease, which first hit Spanish horses two years ago, has proven difficult to stamp out.

More than 230 horses have died—69 were put down and 165 died of the disease—since the last outbreak began in October in the Spanish region of Andalusia.

Alex Atcock, head of the FEI's veterinary department, told the assembly a decision should wait until at least the autumn.

But he noted that national veterinary bodies, not the FEI, would be the deciding factor on whether horses could travel to and from the games.

Princess Anne said: "It's patently ridiculous for us to say 'splendid, go ahead and organise games'... and then find that of all the countries that are coming 95 per cent of their vet services say you can't come back."

# Badminton tournament

INDIAN Arts Circle is organising its annual badminton tournament for IAC members.

Prizes have been offered by Lipton Tea Company and Sportsman Co (Adidas). The tournament will commence on March 27 and the finals will be played on April 6. It will feature junior boys and girls singles, men's singles and doubles, ladies singles and doubles, mixed doubles, couples doubles and veterans singles events. Fixtures will be on the IAC notice board. Further details may be obtained from the Manager IAC on Tel. 3904817. The tournament is co-sponsored by PK Merwah, Jashammal & Partners and AT Cross Limited.

# Perfect Barkley leads Philadelphia to victory

NEW YORK, March 25, (AP) Charles Barkley was perfect last night, hitting all 19 shots from the floor and the foul line in scoring 31 points and leading the Philadelphia 76ers to a 135-122 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

Barkley was 10-for-10 from the field, including two three-pointers, and 9-for-9 at the line. Mike Gminski added 27 points and Hersey Hawkins 21 for the 76ers. Frank Brickowski led San Antonio with 26, connecting on 12 of 13 shots from the floor, and Vernon Maxwell had 22.

Philadelphia outscored the Spurs 48-27 in the first period, tying the club record for most points in a quarter at the Spectrum. Barkley had 19 points in the first 12 minutes as the 76ers converted 18 of 20 shots. San Antonio suffered its 14th straight road defeat and are 3-32 away from home.

Dennis Johnson scored six of his 20 points in the last two minutes as Boston survived New York's comeback from an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit. The Celtics beat the Knicks 115-111 and extended their winning streak over New York to 15 games.

Joe Dumars matched his career-high with 35 points and

Isiah Thomas scored six of his 14 during a 10-0 fourth-quarter run to help Detroit beat New Jersey 112-96. It was the 12th win in 14 games for Detroit, and the ninth straight loss for New Jersey.

Alex English scored 18 points and the Denver Nuggets unleashed a 74-point first-half barrage in sending Dallas to its ninth consecutive setback, 114-105.

Meanwhile, Georgetown, the top-ranked team in the Eastern Division of the post-season collegiate basketball tournament, will take on second-seeded Duke in the east regional finals tomorrow.

The Georgetown Hoyas beat North Carolina state 69-61 yesterday to advance to a spot among the last eight teams in the tournament for the fifth time in the eight years. Duke beat Minnesota 87-70 in last night's other east semifinal.

In the two Midwest regional semifinals played in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament, the third-ranked Illinois Illini beat No. 12 Louisville 83-69, and No. 7 Syracuse beat No. 6 Missouri 83-80.

The four other teams in the final eight advanced in play Thursday night. They are Michigan and Virginia in the Southeast and Seton Hall and Nevada-Las Vegas in the West.

# Brazilian Grand Prix practice

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 25, (Reuters) Italian Riccardo Patrese upstaged the mighty McLaren pair of world champion Ayrton Senna and France's Alain Prost yesterday by snatching provisional pole position for tomorrow's Brazilian Grand Prix.

The 34-year-old Italian clocked the fastest time of one minute 26.172 seconds in his impressive Renault-powered Williams to finish narrowly ahead of Senna after first official practice tomorrow's season-opening race.

On a day of blazing heat and humidity at the Nelson Piquet Autodromo, Patrese ushered in the post-turbo era by leading 10 cars to times quicker than that set last year by Senna's turbo-powered McLaren.

**Third**  
Senna, whose battle with teammate Prost dominated last year's world championship, clocked 1:26.205 while Austrian Ferrari driver Gerhard Berger took third place in 1:26.271. Prost was fourth in 1:27.095.

Patrese, set to appear in a record 177th Grand Prix, achieved his time on only his fourth lap early in the season. Prost, seeking to win in Brazil for a record sixth time in eight years was narrowly ahead of British Ferrari driver Nigel Mansell and five others who all dipped below the 1:28.096-mark clocked by Senna last year.

Patrese said he was delighted with his time because it proved he was not past his peak as a driver. "I am really looking forward to tomorrow's race and trying to achieve the record in good style. It proves I'm not past it," he said.

"The car is very competitive and is giving me great motivation. The marriage between Renault and Williams looks perfect, but the McLarens are still the cars to beat."

But he added: "I know that if the track remains in such good condition tomorrow, my time

will not be enough to keep me on pole."

Senna made a late bid to snatch top spot on his second set of qualifying tyres but momentarily lost control on the final corner.

"The car felt much better today than last week," he said. "If the weather doesn't get much hotter, I think I could still fight for pole."

Mansell, making his Grand Prix debut for Ferrari, finished the season cursing his luck.

He said his car had suffered gearbox and oil pump problems during the morning's untimed session. "In the afternoon session, I had one clear lap and was on a flier when another driver got in the way. I nearly went off," he said.

"It's all a matter of getting lucky here."

Leading times after yesterday's official qualifying session for tomorrow's Brazilian Grand Prix motor race:

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Two crew members rush a load of practice tyres toward the pits during qualifications at the Brazilian Grand Prix on Friday. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Senna made a late bid to snatch top spot on his second set of qualifying tyres but momentarily lost control on the final corner.

"The car felt much better today than last week," he said. "If the weather doesn't get much hotter, I think I could still fight for pole."

Mansell, making his Grand Prix debut for Ferrari, finished the season cursing his luck.

He said his car had suffered gearbox and oil pump problems during the morning's untimed session. "In the afternoon session, I had one clear lap and was on a flier when another driver got in the way. I nearly went off," he said.

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# Argentine team widens lead

NAIROBI, March 25, (AP) Jorge Recalde and Missimo "Miki" Biasion widened the lead for the two-car Lancia Delta Integrale team today as a dwindling field of cars neared the end of the second leg of the 1989 Marlboro Safari Rally.

Recalde, an Argentine making his debut in the 4.217 kilometre (2.614 mile) race, had lost a total of 2:46.01 points at Kabernet on the edge of the Rift Valley, 240 kilometres (149 miles) northwest of Kenya's capital, Nairobi.

Biasion, the 1988 world rally champion who gave the Italian-made Lancia its first safari victory in 14 attempts last year, was in second place with 2:52:27 penalty points.

**Penalty**  
The Lancias' closest rival, Sweden's Bjorn Waldegard in a Toyota Supra, was an hour behind with 3:30:23 penalty points. Kenyan Mike Kirkland, last year's second place finisher, was in fourth place with 3:36:11 penalty points in a Nissan 200SX.

Waldegard, who had been No. 3 a third of the way through the second leg, overtook Kirkland in pre-dawn darkness as the cars raced 547 kilometres (342 miles) through winding desert in the second third of the leg.

Other drivers in the top ten today were Kenyan Vic Preston Jr in a Nissan 200SX with 3:47:21 penalty points; Sweden's Stig Blomqvist in a Volkswagen Golf GTI 16V, 4:51:39; Kenyan Ian Duncan in a Toyota Supra,

5:21:28; Italy's Alessandro Fiori in a privateer Lancia, 6:41:12; Denmark's Erwin Weber in a Golf, 6:54:10; and Kenyan Jayant Shah in a Nissan 200SX, 7:45:48.

Vehicles are required to cover specified distances within certain periods and penalty points are the amount of time a driver is late in arriving at checkpoints.

**Largesse**  
Kenyan drivers, always the largest group in the competition, last won the rally in 1982 when Shekhar Mehta claimed victory for the fourth consecutive time in a Nissan, then called Datsun.

The Toyotas won the rally in 1984, 1985 and 1986.

Other makes still in the rally included Subaru, Volkswagen, Opel, Audi, Daihatsu, Mazda, and Range Rover.

Of the 58 cars which began the gruelling marathon on Thursday, only 22 were still in the race today. Twenty-nine were halted by mechanical problems or mud in the first leg of 1,251 kilometres (776 miles) and seven others dropped out before reaching the end of the second leg.

Cars that manage to finish the race on Monday will have survived the punishment of treacherous dirt roads, scorching desert trails and rain-slick mountain paths over a course roughly equal to the distance between New York and California.

Meanwhile, four people were killed when a passenger minibus crashed into a service vehicle taking part in the safari rally on a

# American football player arrested

NEWARK, New Jersey, March 25, (AP) All star football player Lawrence Taylor, whose drug problem cost him a month-long suspension last season, was arrested yesterday and cited for driving while intoxicated, police said.

State police Sgt. Robert Kenyon confirmed the man arrested at 3:22 am was the New York Giants star linebacker and one-time National Football League most valued player.

**Quarrel**  
Kenyon said Taylor was given a summons for driving while intoxicated. He said Taylor failed a breath test that measures the amount of alcohol in the bloodstream to check for drunkenness.

Steve Rosner, one of Taylor's agents who handles his endorsements, said Taylor was parked on the side of Garden State Parkway when a trooper investigated the vehicle.

"This was the first alcohol he has consumed in the last five months and he got ill. He had a little bit of a family quarrel and that led to him having a drink or two," said Rosner.

He said there is a difference of opinion on the charge against Taylor.

Rosner said Taylor did not exceed the .10 per cent blood alcohol level considered legally drunk under New Jersey laws.

"From the citation he was given, he was under the .10," said Rosner.

**Suspended**  
Kenyon declined to say what level of alcohol Taylor's test showed.

Efforts to reach Taylor through the team, the League and his attorney were unsuccessful. Croke and League spokesman Dick Maxwell said the team and League had not heard of the incident.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Freestyle skiing

SUOMU, Finland, March 25, (AP): Catherine Lombard of France beat Sonja Reichart of West Germany for the women's aerial event World Cup title in a thrilling finish yesterday at Suomutunturi in northern Finland as the 1988-1989 freestyle skiing season ended.

After two failures in the meets in Norway and Sweden, Lombard came back strongly and won with Reichart in second place. Lombard and Reichart both finished with 77 points, but yesterday's victory, Lombard's fourth for the season, gave her the title because Reichart had one victory less.

## Weigh-in

TOKYO, March 25, (AP): Champion Antonio Esparragoza of Venezuela and Japanese challenger Mitsuru Sugiyama passed the weigh-in today for their upcoming World Boxing Association featherweight title match.

Esparragoza and Sugiyama weighed an identical 57.1 kilograms (125.6 pounds), equal the weight limit for the featherweight division.

The title bout starts at 3:30 pm (0630 GMT) tomorrow at the Kawasaki Municipal Gym, just south of Tokyo.

## Ski jumping

PLANICA, Yugoslavia, March 25, (AP): Jens Weissflog of East Germany made jumps of 88 metres and 91 metres and got 222.5 points to win the World Cup ski jumping competition here today.

Weissflog finished ahead of Andreas Felder of Austria, who had jumps of 85 and 87.5 metres and was awarded 207.2 points. Third was Finland's Ari-Pekka Nikola, who jumped 82.5 and 92 metres to score 207.1 points.

## Table tennis

CARDIFF, Wales, March 25, (AP): England, led by newcomers Bradley Billington and Matthew Syed, grabbed four of the quarterfinal spots in men's singles at the Commonwealth Table Tennis championships yesterday.

Joining them in the final eight were countrymen Alan Cooke, the second seed, and Nicky Mason.

## Downhill title

CRESTED BUTTE, Colorado, March 25, (AP): Hilary Lindh captured her second national downhill title yesterday, beating Pam Fletcher at the Subaru US Alpine Championships.

Lindh, a 19-year-old from Juneau, Alaska, has been the top downhill on the US ski team all year on the World Cup circuit. Fletcher has claimed the national title for the past two years, while Lindh ran second, never quite matching her performance in 1986 when she first won the title.

## Motorcycle crash

BRANDS HATCH, England, March 25, (Reuters): Briton Joey Dunlop, five times Formula One motorcycle world champion, was in hospital with multiple fractures yesterday after crashing during the Eurolantic challenge.

## Rival Norwich suffer a severe setback in title chase

## Arsenal beat Southampton to stretch League lead

LONDON, March 25, (Reuters): Arsenal rediscovered their winning touch after a lean spell and stretched their lead at the top of the English soccer First Division to six points as nearest challengers Norwich slumped to defeat today.

Arsenal, who had nervously watched a healthy League advantage eroded over the past few weeks, snapped out of a spell of three games without a win by inflicting a 3-1 defeat on struggling Southampton.

Norwich suffered a severe setback in their chase for a League and Cup double when they were beaten 2-0 at home by relegation-haunted Newcastle United.

Millwall remained third after a 1-1 draw at Everton but left title-holders Liverpool, who have won their last six games, the chance of overhauling them tomorrow if they win at Tottenham.

Arsenal lead with 59 points from 30 games, six ahead of Norwich, who have two games in hand, and nine games clear of Millwall.

Perry Groves opened Arsenal's tally at Southampton after just seven minutes and England midfielder David Rocastle added the second 12 minutes into the second half.

Glenn Cockerill reduced the arrears in the 66th minute but Paul Merson, a second half substitute for Groves, sealed victory for Arsenal.

Brazilian striker Mirandinha snatched Norwich, scoring the first goal in the 27th minute and supplying the pass for Irishman Liam O'Brien to net the second seven minutes after the interval.

Norwich, who swept into the semifinals of the Football Association (FA) Cup last Wednesday, might have suffered a more comprehensive beating in their first home defeat in seven games but for the agility of goalkeeper Bryan Gunn.

## First goal

Groves began and finished the move which brought Arsenal their first goal at Southampton, banging home the rebound after England striker Alan Smith headed against the bar.

There was an under-current of ill feeling following the last clash between the two clubs last September when Arsenal's Paul Davis cracked Cockerill's jaw, and Southampton's Rodney Wallace was lucky to escape punishment when he caught Kevin Richardson in the face with his fist.

But the ugly mood was dissipated by a flurry of goals in the second half, sparked off by Rocastle, who scored with a left-foot shot in the 57th minute after taking a pass from Merson, five minutes after Merson had come on as substitute.

Cockerill made it 2-1 nine minutes later with a stunning 25-metre effort but Merson netted 15 minutes from the end to ensure all three points went to Arsenal, who had managed only six out of a possible 18 in their previous six games.

Southampton, without a win in 19 games, are now bracketed with Norwich's conquerors Newcastle on 29 points, with only West Ham below them.

West Ham, who this week welcomed back striker Frank McAvennie from Scottish Premier Division club Celtic,

scored a 1-0 win at Aston Villa thanks to a goal by Paul Ince in the 10th minute, but remain seven points adrift of their nearest fellow-sufferers.

Teddy Sheringham struck with a header after just 85 seconds to give Millwall a quick-fire lead at Everton, but Kevin Sheedy equalised from the penalty spot in the 67th minute after Graeme Sharp had been fouled by David Thompson.

Steve Hodge and Lee Chapman scored a goal apiece to give Nottingham Forest a 2-0 away win over Derby, which kept Forest in fifth place.

## Soccer results

English Division One		
Aston Villa	0	West Ham 1
Charlton	0	Coventry 1
Derby	0	Not. Forest 2
Everton	1	Millwall 1
Man. United	2	Luton 0
Norwich	0	Newcastle 2
Sh. Wednesday	0	QPR 2
Southampton	1	Arsenal 3
Wimbledon	1	Middlesbrough 1
Playing tomorrow: Tottenham v Liverpool		

English Division Two		
Brighton	2	Oxford 0
Cheltenham	2	Bournemouth 0
Hull	3	Plymouth 0
Leeds	1	Portsmouth 0
Leicester	2	Birmingham 0
Sheff. Wednesday	1	Bradford 1
Sheff. Utd.	1	Barnsley 1
Sunderland	4	Wigan 1
Swindon	0	West Bromwich 0
Walsall	3	Manchester C. 3

English Division Three		
Blackburn	1	Blackburn 1
Oldham	0	Crystal Palace 1
Walsley	0	Crystal Palace 1
Bristol Rovers	1	Bristol City 0
Bury	0	Blackpool 0
Cardiff	3	Aldershot 2
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Chesham	2	Sheff. Utd. 1
Exeter	1	Bolton 1
Grays	1	Port Vale 4
Harrogate	1	Northampton 1
Leamington	2	Southend 2
Reading	3	Huddersfield 4
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English Division Four		
Barnley	2	Grimsby 2
Cambridge	2	Peterborough 1
Carlisle	0	Crewe 1
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Leyton Orient	3	Rochdale 0
Lincoln	2	York 0
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Torquay	1	Hereford 0

Scottish Premier Division		
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